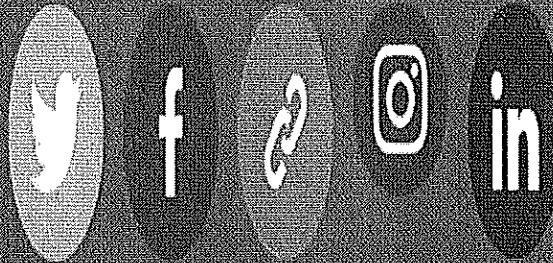




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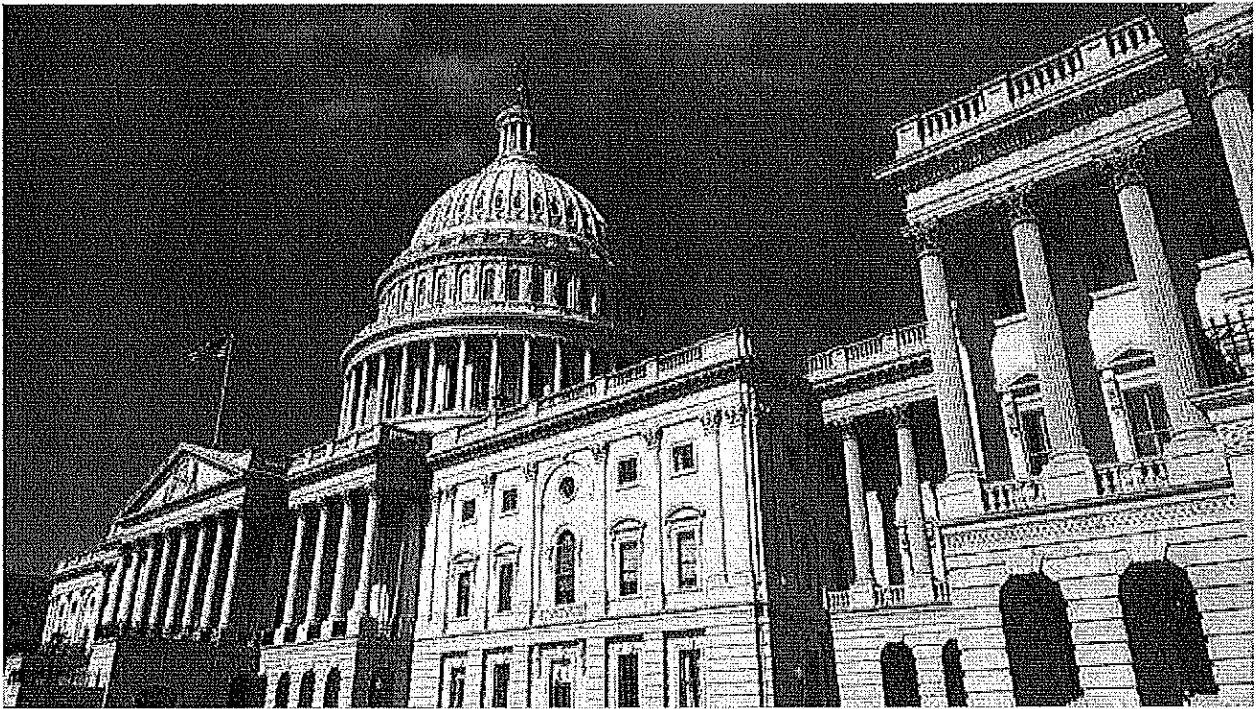
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**The Numbers of Tax Reform**

House Republican leadership is confident the chamber will pass a tax reform package this week and the Senate Finance Committee will begin considering its legislation this afternoon. However, congressional Republicans still have many hurdles to clear if they want to send a bill to President Donald Trump before the end of the year. Below are key numbers for tax reform:



**218** – The number of votes needed to pass legislation through the House of Representatives.

- Last week, the House Ways and Means Committee passed its tax reform bill along a party-line vote of 24-16. House leadership is confident they have the requisite votes for the legislation to pass the chamber, which is why Speaker Paul Ryan has signaled that he does not intend to significantly amend the legislation before the final vote. However, Republican members in "high-tax" states have signaled they plan to vote "no" because of the modification of the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, and other Republicans remain uncommitted for various reasons. Therefore, expect the vote before the full House to be very close.

**50** – The number of senators needed to vote for a tax reform package (Vice President Mike Pence would be the tie-breaking vote).

- The Senate Finance Committee will begin consideration of the Senate tax package today. The committee's website lists more than 350 potential amendments for this week's markup, including the all-important chairman's mark that would ensure the legislation comports with the budget framework that requires the tax bill not add more than \$1.5 trillion to the debt.
- Given that Republicans can only afford to lose two senators on a tax vote, it's not yet clear if the Senate bill even has enough votes yet to clear its own chamber. Some Republican senators, including Bob Corker (Tenn.), Jeff Flake (Ariz.), James Lankford (Okla.), and John McCain (Ariz.), are concerned about the bill's impact on the debt.

**\$0** – The amount that a tax reform bill can add to the deficit for it to comply with the Senate's Byrd rule, which stipulates that reconciliation bills cannot add to the deficit after a decade, if not sooner.

- Given that both the House and Senate bills would need a major rewrite to comply with the Byrd rule, it is likely that Republicans will look to pass a bill that will let the major provisions of tax reform expire after a decade.

**\$20.5 Trillion** – The current U.S. national debt, is now 105 percent of the United States' Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that the national debt could rise to 150 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2047 under current law, which far exceeds the 50-year historical

average of approximately 40 percent of GDP. As the Peter G. Peterson Foundation notes, one of the most damaging effects of rising debt is rapidly growing interest costs. Under current law, CBO projects that interest payments on the debt will more than quadruple over the next 30 years, climbing from 1.4 percent of GDP in 2017 to 6.2 percent in 2047. By 2047, CBO projects that interest costs alone could be more than two times what the federal government has historically spent on Research & Development, nondefense infrastructure and education combined.

**10, 15, 25, 30, 60** -- The Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), estimates that under the current House bill:

- **10 percent** of taxpayers would see a tax hike of at least \$100 in 2019.
- **15 percent** of taxpayers between \$75,000 and \$100,000 in income would see a tax increase.
- **25 percent** of taxpayers with incomes between \$200,000 and \$500,000 a year would see a tax increase.
- **30 percent** of taxpayers, including most tax filers with incomes below \$30,000 a year, would see basically no change in their taxes.
- **60 percent** of taxpayers would see a tax cut of at least \$100, with the group making between a half-million and \$1 million a year the most likely to benefit.

### **Next Steps**

There are obviously many areas of uncertainty for tax reform and this week will likely shed some light on the prospects of passing a bill this year. Republicans are feeling the pressure to deliver a major legislative achievement and will do whatever they can to get a bill to the president's desk. But, as the recent failure to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act proves, passing comprehensive legislation along party-line votes is often easier said than done.

NCSL's analysis of tax reform in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress can be found [here](#).

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**DYK?** On this day in 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, his famous line, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." The words were actually just the second half of a sentence he'd written in a letter to his friend Jean-Baptiste LeRoy. It was shortly after the United States Constitution had been ratified, and his entire sentence was this: "Our new Constitution is now established,

and has an appearance that promises permanency, but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

## **What Lawmakers Need to Know Over the Next 10 Years**

Technology has changed our economy and will continue to do so through the next decade and beyond. The changes that technology brings challenge traditional differences in the roles between federal and state policymakers. State laws are viewed by many in the tech world as barriers to business. John Feland, CEO of Argus Insights, Inc., looks at tech trends and how they will change how we live and conduct business. He is the plenary speaker on Tuesday, Dec. 12, during the NCSL Capitol Forum, Del Coronado Hotel, Coronado (San Diego), Calif. taking place Dec. 10-13, 2017. His presentation will focus on what state policymakers need to know and how to stay relevant in the age of "Internet of Things." For more information on the NCSL Capitol Forum, please visit the meeting's webpage.

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## **Government Shutdown – T-Minus 25 Days**

While Republicans are fast-tracking their tax reform legislation, it is important to remember that Congress has until midnight, Dec. 8 to pass a spending bill or the federal government will shut down. This past September, President Donald Trump made a surprise deal with Democratic leaders to pass a three-month government spending bill, that included aid for hurricane relief and suspended the debt limit until Dec. 8. Now, it looks like another short-term stopgap extension will be likely, pushing the deadline of a deal potentially to New Year's Eve, if not later, to hammer out final spending details between the House and the Senate. This deal will prove to be challenging, especially in the Senate, where Republicans need at least eight Democrats to vote with them to meet the 60-vote threshold needed to pass a bill.

President Donald Trump has further complicated this task by announcing his administrative plan to sunset the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that protects from deportation nearly 800,000 young illegal immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. Prominent Senate Democrats, including Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), have announced that they will not vote for a spending bill if it does not maintain the DACA program.

Another contentious issue will be Trump's continued request for \$1.6 billion to fund a wall along the US-Mexico border. This provides Democrats with a unique position of power. These, among other issues, like funding of Affordable Care Act subsidies, renewal of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and additional disaster relief funding will all lead to difficult partisan negotiations. As Democrats identify priorities needed to obtain their votes, Republicans will be forced to choose to grant the concessions or risk a government shutdown.

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### **Senior Congressional Chairmen Announce Retirements**

Three senior members of the House of Representatives who chair the House Financial Services Committee; the House Judiciary Committee; and the Science, Space & Technology Committee announced they will retire at the end of the 115th Congress. All three were also term limited as chairs, serving in their last term as committee chair. House Republicans have self-imposed six-year (three two-year terms) term limits for committee chairs.

Congressman Jen Hensarling (R-Texas), who became chair of the House Financial Services Committee in 2011, through his tenure tried to repeal sections, if not all, of the Dodd-Frank Act, which changed the regulation of the financial services industry as a result of the economic downturn in 2008. Hensarling had hoped that with a Republican Congress and president he would have succeeded this year, but so far has not prevailed. Hensarling also tried to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, but those efforts were stymied by the three recent hurricanes, Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, had a similar record of not producing much success during his term. He has single-handedly halted any consideration of the Marketplace Fairness Act and the Remote Transaction Parity Act, which would give states the authority to require collection of sales taxes on out-of-state transactions and online sales. Goodlatte has also been criticized for failing to report legislation from his committee on immigration reform, criminal justice reform, patent trolling reform, cybersecurity, and online privacy to name a few.

The third chairman to retire is Lamar Smith (R-Texas), Chairman of the Science, Space and Technology Committee. Smith had served as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee prior to becoming Chairman of his current committee.

Joining these three members of Congress in announcing their retirement in 2018 are nine Republican members of Congress and two Democrats. Another 10 Republican members and eight Democrats are running for other offices and will not seek re-election to the House. Three Republican members have resigned, not counting the three who resigned earlier this year to take positions in the Trump administration.

Two members of the U.S. Senate have also announced they will not seek re-election in 2018, Senators Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.).

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**DYK?** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audits of individuals are at their lowest level in more than a decade. But for two people in the United States, their chance of being audited is 100% every year - the U.S. president and vice president. According to the IRS, the practice of doing a "mandatory examination" of the presidential and vice-presidential tax returns has been in the Internal Revenue Manual since the Watergate era.

## **State Groups Send Letter on AV START Act**

NCSL joined several state and local government organizations in expressing their appreciation for the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's inclusion of key stakeholders in the development and approval of the AV START Act. However, the groups wrote that while the legislation preserves the historical federal partnership with state and local governments, further definition of certain terms were needed to firmly associate them with federal responsibilities. Additionally, citing concern for public safety upon the deployment of these new technologies, the groups emphasized the need and support for the required, and timely, submission of detailed safety evaluation reports. The organizations will continue to work with the Senate as the bill moves forward.

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## **Federal Communications Commission's Advisory Committee Adopts Preemption Language for 5G Deployment**

Last week, the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) adopted a set of proposed model codes and recommendations preempting state authority concerning broadband deployment, which was sent to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proposals below would limit state authority on regulating pole siting applications, rights-of-way permitting, and fee collection as it relates to wireless service providers deployment of 5G small cell technology.

- Model Code for States
- Removing State and Local Regulatory Barriers
- Model Code for Municipalities

**NCSL Position** – NCSL encourages cooperation with both industry and all levels of government in deploying the technology necessary to provide broadband internet service, while maintaining proper local authority over the siting of such facilities. Congress should avoid adopting new mandates and provide the FCC with defined and limited authority to oversee, but not proactively intervene in, the broadband internet marketplace.

NCSL opposes the proposed model code and recommendations on removing state and local regulatory barriers and will work through the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and other avenues to oppose the inclusion of this work in any FCC action. NCSL further encourages increased state and local representation on the BDAC to prevent future improper pre-emption of unambiguous state authority. NCSL sent out an action alert urging NCSL members to contact their federal representatives and ask them to sign on to Congresswoman Anna Eschoo's (D-Calif.) letter requesting increased state government representation on the FCC BDAC.

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## **Medicaid Changes on the Way?**

Last week the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) posted a notice regarding changes to the 1115 waiver program. The announcement was a follow-up to a letter sent in March outlining the administration's work to change what they viewed as a burdensome process for states. Among other changes, the proposal would have CMS work with each state that applies to develop a timeline for approval; provide

states expedited approvals if their waiver is highly similar to one previously approved in another state and make the requirements easier for states to use the previous administration's fast-track approval process. CMS Administrator Seema Verma discussed the changes last week at a meeting of state Medicaid directors, and also spoke about the administration's willingness to allow states, in their waiver applications, to have work requirements for Medicaid enrollees.

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**DYK?** In 1845, Congress decided that voting day would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which was after the fall harvest and before harsh winter conditions made travel too difficult. In the 1800's, most citizens worked as farmers and lived far from their polling place and many traveled at least a day to vote. Weekends were impractical, since most people spent Sundays in church, and Wednesday was market day for farmers.

### Also of Note...

- The next disaster funding request from the White House is expected to be released Wednesday or Thursday. Capitol Hill sources guess that it will cost more than \$50 billion.
- Polls for the Alabama U.S. Senate special election show a close race after allegations surfaced of sexual misconduct for GOP nominee Roy Moore. Democrat Doug Jones leads Moore in the JMC Analytics Poll. The last time a Democrat won a U.S. Senate race in Alabama was 1992. Politico
- President Donald Trump on Monday nominated former pharmaceutical executive Alex Azar to be his next Health and Human Services secretary, replacing Tom Price, who resigned earlier this year after he was criticized for spending roughly \$1 million on private and government air travel. CNBC
- Today, for the first time, the public will be able to access briefs and other case documents on the U.S. Supreme Court's website. Washington Post

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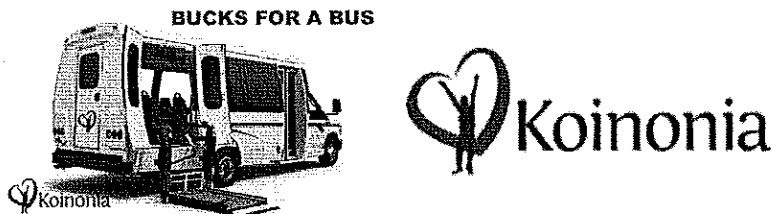
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***Koinonia Homes Launches Transportation Campaign for  
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For people with developmental disabilities, specialized transportation represents personal freedom. It stands in the way of education, employment, volunteer opportunities and other daily interactions that drive wellbeing and social engagement. It's a simple solution, but funding often becomes an impassable roadblock.

Koinonia Homes, a leading provider of day programs, residential and employment services for people with developmental disabilities, has launched its Bucks for a Bus campaign. Donors can text **"BUCKS" to 56512** to make a tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more or [donate securely here](#).

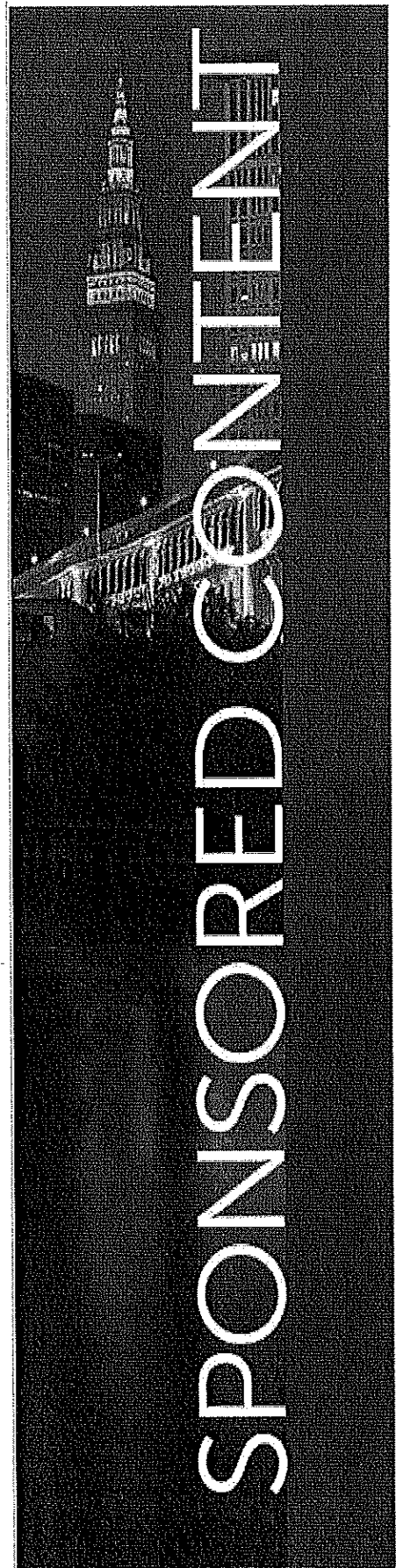
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An 18-passenger bus with an electric wheelchair lift that costs \$65,000 provides critical transportation to hundreds of people in Northeast Ohio. Through donations from supporters like you, a new bus will enable 400 life-enriching rides throughout our community.

"Many of us take everyday transportation for granted," said Diane Beastron, president and CEO of Koinonia Homes. "But for people with developmental disabilities, transportation is a lifeline to the outside world, health care, work and everyday life. For many of our clients, transportation represents freedom and independence."

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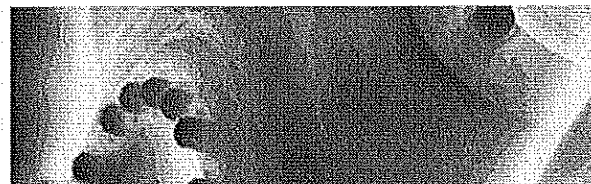
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#### Big Oil companies double down on shale tech, digitalization

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Reuters (11/28)



### NEWS FROM THE FIELD

#### N.D. breaks own record for number of producing wells

North Dakota's inventory of producing wells climbed to a record of 14,190 in September, shattering the previous all-time high of 14,089 established in August, according to the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Oil production for September was up slightly to 1.107 million barrels per day, while natural gas output declined to 1.942 billion cubic feet per day.

Upstream (subscription required) (11/24)



### **Carrizo Oil & Gas sheds non-core assets in D-J Basin**

Carrizo Oil & Gas has reached an agreement to sell its remaining non-core assets in the Denver-Julesburg Basin to an unnamed buyer for \$140 million, plus contingent payments of up to \$15 million over the next three years. Carrizo President and CEO Chip Johnson said the proceeds from the sale will help the company cut its debt.

Forbes (11/27)



### **More shale operators using multilateral wells= A**

North American shale operators are making more use of multilateral wells to drill efficiently and reduce costs. The system, which only involves the drilling of a single vertical well, requires fewer wellheads and drilling pads.

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### **US rig count climbs for 3rd week in a row**



(Juan Mabromata/Getty Images)

The number of US oil rigs rose to 747 last week, while the number of natural gas rigs was at 176. In the third straight week of gains, Wyoming led with five rig additions, while Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado added one rig each.

Houston Chronicle (tiered subscription model) (11/22)



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### **Weatherford exploring sale of some units**

US oilfield servicer Weatherford International has reportedly enlisted Morgan Stanley and other advisers to help it divest some units, possibly its artificial lift business, drilling tools and wellheads and its international pressure pumping business. Weatherford expects the sale to generate about \$1 billion.

Reuters (11/24)



### **Noble Energy sells land assets to private equity group**

Noble Energy has agreed to sell a total of 2.1 million gross acres of mineral rights and royalty interests across several states, mainly Texas, Oklahoma and North Dakota, to Black Stone Minerals for \$340 million. The asset package includes some 15,500 net royalty acres in the Permian Basin's Midland Delaware lobes, as well as 10,000 net royalty acres in the Bakken Shale.

Houston Chronicle (tiered subscription model) (11/27)



## **SPOTLIGHT ON POLICY**

### **Pa. lawmakers still working on Marcellus Shale tax**

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives is expected to reopen the debate over a proposed tax on Marcellus Shale natural gas production in early December. The legislation was left in limbo last week after House lawmakers failed to find common ground on a series of proposed amendments.

The Associated Press (11/22)



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## Don't buy into the "either/or" argument

On Monday night, the Lakota School District voted against a policy that would mandate schools allow, for example, boys who identify as girls to use girls restrooms, locker rooms and play on girls sports teams.

These policies are sweeping the nation. President Obama issued an executive order (that was likely unconstitutional) to mandate this policy in every public school. Thankfully, this policy was repealed by the Trump administration.

Make no mistake – these policies are bad for children and schools. They annihilate the privacy rights of children and, ultimately, they promote the lie that someone can change their gender.

Scientifically, changing your gender is impossible. No surgery or hormone injection can change biological realities.

**Opposing policies like what Lakota considered this week is the right thing to do. However, how we oppose these laws matter.**

When I read the reports of the school board meeting, my heart was broken. Proponents of the policy told the story of one teenage boy who sincerely felt like he was a girl. So deep was his pain, that he committed suicide.

When I've spoken with people who struggle with gender identity, I've walked away with one prevailing thought: they are experiencing a very deep, and very real pain. They genuinely do feel as if they are trapped in the wrong body.

The liberal left would tell us the most loving thing is to encourage people with

gender dysphoria to pursue a life identifying as the opposite sex.

Yet the stats show this isn't helpful. [Like this study](#) that showed people who go through "gender reassignment" surgery commit suicide at the same rate as those who do not.

The bottom line is that two things can be true in this debate: it's wrong to advance policies that mandate that biological men are allowed to use women's restrooms. But we can also acknowledge, love, and come around men and women who are struggling with gender dysphoria.

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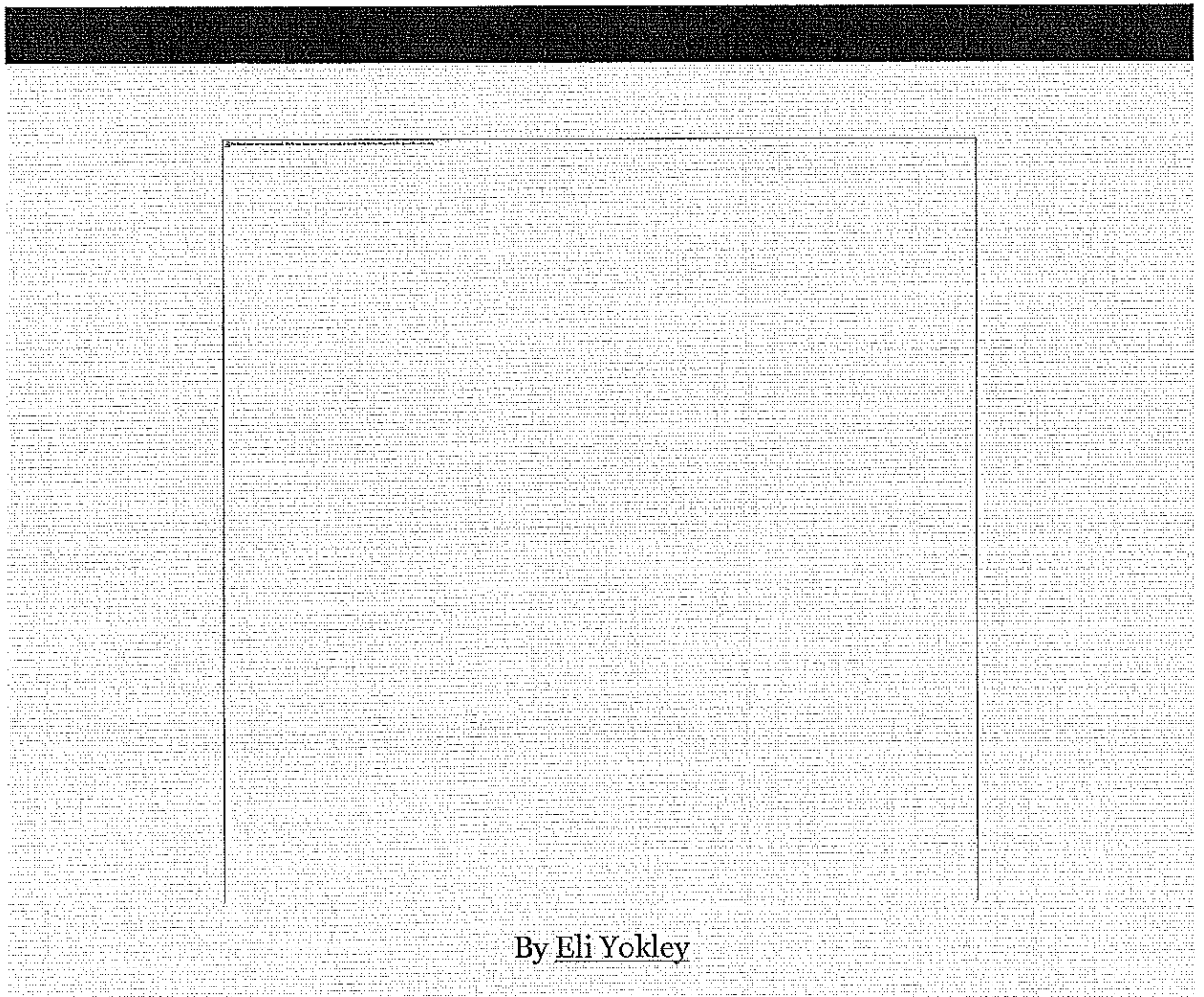
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By Eli Yokley

## Top Stories

- White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney and Legislative Director Marc Short are set to meet with congressional leaders from both parties today to discuss government funding, which is currently slated to expire Jan. 19. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) plan to raise the issue of protecting young undocumented immigrants and other policy matters as leverage for Democratic support, but Republicans said the meeting will be limited to discussing caps on domestic and defense spending. ([Bloomberg](#))
  - President Donald Trump said in a tweet that his "nuclear button" is "much bigger" than North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un's. The comment came as U.S. allies in South Korea were moving to initiate talks with Pyongyang, and it marked a departure from a previous statement in which Trump said potential talks were a result of U.S. and international pressure on North Korea. ([The New York Times](#))
  - The Trump administration threw its support behind protesters in Iran and called on the country's government to stop blocking social media sites like Instagram and the messaging app Telegram amid Iran's largest protests since 2009. The administration also offered advice to Iranians on circumventing Tehran's internet controls. ([The Associated Press](#))
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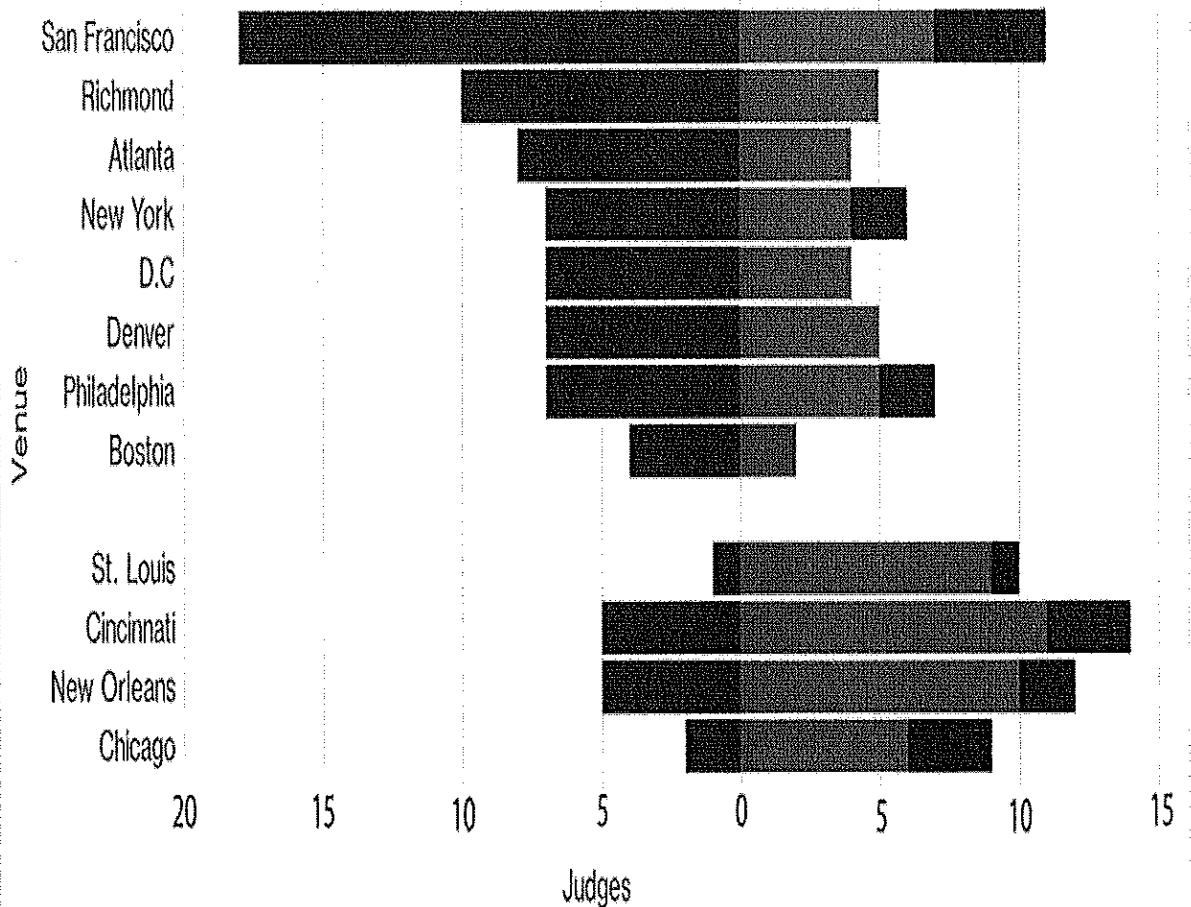
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## Trumping Up the Courts?

There aren't enough judicial vacancies for Republican nominees to take over appeals courts

■ Democrats ■ Republicans ■ Vacancies



Source: U.S. Courts of Appeal websites

Of the 164 active appeals court judges, 22 are older than 75. Their retirement or death will create further vacancies for Trump and subsequent presidents to fill

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## Events Calendar (All Times Local)

### WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

### THURSDAY

American Enterprise Institute event on health care policy and economics	10 a.m.
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Heritage Foundation event on clash between U.S. and China in the Pacific	11 a.m.
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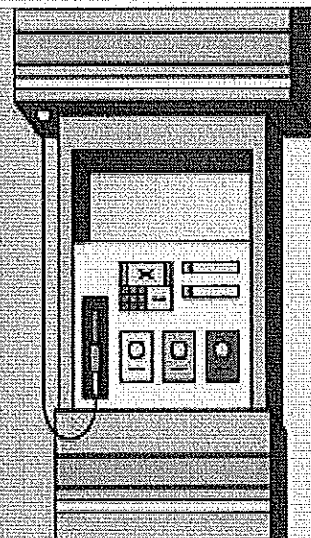
### FRIDAY

CSIS event on Taiwan's cybersecurity environment	10 a.m.
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Carnegie Endowment for International Peace event on Iran's cyber threat	12:30 p.m.
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## General

### Shutdown threat revived as Congress returns **Sarah Ferris and Jennifer Scholtes, Politico**

Another shutdown showdown looms this month, and Congress isn't even back yet. Happy New Year, Washington.

### Homeland chief: Wait and see on citizenship for immigrants **Elliot Spagat, The Associated Press**

The Trump administration would consider immigration legislation that includes a pathway to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of young people, the U.S. Homeland Security secretary said Tuesday, while emphasizing no decision on that issue has been made and a border wall remains the priority. Congress is considering three options, including citizenship or permanent legal status for people who were temporarily shielded from deportation, Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said in an interview.



**Senior U.S. refugee official to retire this month**  
**Yeganeh Torbati, Reuters**

One of the top U.S. government officials working on refugee issues announced her impending retirement on Tuesday, and refugee advocates expressed concern about the fate of the country's resettlement program which faces mounting pressure from the Trump administration. Barbara Strack, a career official and chief of the Refugee Affairs Division at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, did not specify when she will leave her post, but USCIS spokesman R. Carter Langston said it would be in January.

**NSA's top talent is leaving because of low pay, slumping morale and unpopular reorganization**  
**Ellen Nakashima and Aaron Gregg, The Washington Post**

The National Security Agency is losing its top talent at a worrisome rate as highly skilled personnel, some disillusioned with the spy service's leadership and an unpopular reorganization, take higher-paying, more flexible jobs in the private sector. Since 2015, the NSA has lost several hundred hackers, engineers and data scientists, according to current and former U.S. officials with knowledge of the matter.

**How much does the federal government pay out for sexual harassment? It's a mystery**  
**Andrew Restuccia et al., Politico**

Executive branch agencies have settled dozens of sexual harassment cases involving federal workers in recent years, but the resulting taxpayer-funded payments are shrouded in mystery. Despite a 2002 law aimed at improving federal accountability in discrimination cases, the system for tracking sexual harassment payments in the executive branch is almost as opaque and bureaucratic as the one governing Congress, where payouts similarly lack transparency - a setup that obscures the extent of workplace problems and allows for little oversight of how taxpayer money is spent, according to a POLITICO analysis.

## **Foreign governments are finding ways to do favors for Trump's business**

**Anita Kumar, McClatchy DC**

In Indonesia, a local government plans to build a road to shorten the drive between the main airport on the island of Bali and the new high-end Trump resort and golf course. In Panama, the country's federal government intervened to ensure a sewer system around a 70-story Trump skyscraper shaped like a sail in Panama City would be completed.

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## **Presidential**

### **Trump Hardens Immigration Stance Heading Into Shutdown Talks**

**Jennifer Epstein and Erik Wasson, Bloomberg**

President Donald Trump is hardening his demands for a deal to protect young undocumented immigrants from deportation, a dispute with congressional Democrats that hangs over talks this week to avoid a government shutdown. Any deal on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, must also forbid immigrants from sponsoring family members to join them in the U.S., end a program that allots visas to people from countries with low rates of migration to America, and provide money for a wall on the Mexican border, a White House spokesman said Tuesday.

### **Trump Says His 'Nuclear Button' Is 'Much Bigger' Than North Korea's**

**Peter Baker and Michael Tackett, The New York Times**

President Trump again raised the prospect of nuclear war with North Korea, boasting in strikingly playground terms on Tuesday night that he commands a "much bigger" and "more powerful" arsenal of devastating weapons than the outlier government in Asia. "North Korean Leader Kim

Jong Un just stated that the 'Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times,'" Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter.

**Trump throws full US support behind protesters in Iran**  
**Josh Lederman, The Associated Press**

The Trump administration on Tuesday threw the weight of the U.S. government behind the protesters taking to the streets of Iran, rooting them on despite the risk of helping Iranian authorities dismiss a week of major demonstrations as the product of American instigation. As Iran's supreme leader accused "enemies of Iran" of trying to destabilize his country, the State Department pressed Tehran to unblock social media sites used by the protesters.

**Iran protests could move Trump to kill nuclear deal**  
**Michael Crowley and Eliana Johnson, Politico**

Anti-government protests in Iran offer President Donald Trump a new reason to scrap the Iran nuclear deal later this month - a risky move that Trump's supporters are cheering but that critics warn could play into Tehran's hands. Trump and his senior officials have offered rhetorical support for the protesters and denounced the government in statements and on Twitter.

**U.S. threatens to withhold aid cash to Palestinians**  
**Rodrigo Campos, Reuters**

U.S. President Donald Trump said in tweets on Tuesday that the United States may withhold future aid payments to Palestinians, accusing them of being "no longer willing to talk peace" with Israel. Trump said that Washington gives Palestinians "HUNDRED OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS a year and get no appreciation or respect. They don't even want to negotiate a long overdue peace treaty with Israel ... with the Palestinians no longer willing to talk peace, why should we make any of these massive future payments to them?"

### **Trump suggests Huma Abedin be jailed after State Department email release**

**Louis Nelson, Politico**

President Donald Trump on Tuesday suggested that Hillary Clinton's longtime aide, Huma Abedin, should be jailed after the State Department's release last week of classified emails found on the laptop of Abedin's estranged husband, Anthony Weiner. "Crooked Hillary Clinton's top aid [sic], Huma Abedin, has been accused of disregarding basic security protocols. She put Classified Passwords into the hands of foreign agents," the president wrote on Twitter.

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## **Senate**

### **Doug Jones hires African-American chief of staff**

**Daniel Strauss, Politico**

Sen.-elect Doug Jones (D-Ala.) has hired former transportation official and congressional aide Dana Gresham as his new chief of staff. Jones will be the only Senate Democrat to have an African-American chief of staff once Gresham comes on board.

### **Michele Bachmann tells televangelist she might run for Al Franken's Senate seat**

**Sarah Pulliam Bailey, The Washington Post**

Former U.S. representative Michele Bachmann recently announced on a televangelist's show that she is mulling a run for Al Franken's U.S. Senate seat. Franken officially resigned Tuesday over allegations of sexual misconduct that emerged in late 2017.

### **GOP study: Ted Cruz begins 2018 Senate race with 18 point lead over Texas Democrat Beto O'Rourke**

**Kevin Diaz, Houston Chronicle**

Texas U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, the Democrats' top hope of toppling Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in 2018, starts the year at a significant polling disadvantage, according to a new survey released Tuesday by the Cruz campaign. O'Rourke, a three-term congressman from El Paso, trails Cruz among likely Texas voters by an 18-point margin, or 52-percent to 34-percent, according to the poll conducted by WPA Intelligence, a firm headed by Cruz advisor Chris Wilson.

**It's Not Just Romney: Hatch Retirement Could Lead to Decisions for Grassley, Crapo**  
**Niels Lesniewski and Bridget Bowman, Roll Call**

When GOP Sen. Orrin G. Hatch announced Tuesday that he will retire from the Senate after serving Utah for more than four decades, talk quickly turned to whether Mitt Romney will seek to succeed him. But on Capitol Hill, the pending departure of the Finance Committee chairman - who could have wielded the tax writing gavel for two more years under conference rules - also raises questions about which senator will lead the GOP on taxes, trade, health care and entitlements.

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## **House**

**Trump's Demand for a Border Wall Splits GOP Lawmakers**  
**Laura Litvan and Anna Edgerton, Bloomberg**

President Donald Trump is emphasizing his vow to build a wall at the U.S.-Mexico border and additional conditions for an immigration deal, as congressional leaders and White House officials plan a meeting Wednesday that will set terms for a coming debate on the issue. GOP lawmakers have largely avoided talking about the border wall, a central Trump campaign promise, in negotiations with Democrats on legislation to provide protection against deportation for 800,000 young undocumented immigrants while also bolstering border security and interior enforcement of immigration laws.

**House Russia probe poised to break down along partisan lines**  
**Manu Raju and Jeremy Herb, CNN**

Democrats and Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee are on a collision course, as the two sides appear increasingly likely to issue competing reports coming to starkly different conclusions about the panel's Russia investigation. GOP leaders on the House panel are eager to wrap up the investigation soon, with influential Republicans saying the exhaustive review has dug through thousands of documents and interviewed virtually every major witness and has found scant evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian operatives to meddle in the 2016 elections.

**Ethics committee members investigating Rep. Kihuen announced**  
**Samuel Chamberlain, Fox News**

The House Ethics Committee announced Tuesday that it had formed a four-member panel to investigate Rep. Ruben Kihuen, D-Nev. over accusations of sexual harassment. The so-called "Investigative Subcommittee" will be chaired by Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Texas.

**Woods drops from race for U.S. House seat**  
**Phil Drake, Great Falls Tribune**

A Bozeman Democrat dropped from the race for the state's lone U.S. House of Representatives seat, saying on social media that a couple of other candidates have raised 10 times of the money that he has been able to raise. "The deeply unfortunate part about a congressional campaign is that it costs about \$10,000 a month at the start of a campaign," Tom Woods wrote Monday afternoon on Facebook.

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## **States**

**Brownback rules out resigning before he is confirmed**  
**Jonathan Shorman, The Wichita Eagle**

Gov. Sam Brownback said he will give the State of the State address and deliver a budget proposal next week, then remain in office until he is confirmed to a diplomatic post. Brownback had previously said Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer was taking the lead in developing the governor's blueprint for how Kansas should spend billions in tax dollars.

**2018 session begins with focus on sexual misconduct**  
**Matthew Hamilton, Times Union**

The first day of the state legislative session, which falls Wednesday, typically sets the agenda for the year. But amid the national #MeToo movement that has revealed sexual harassment and assault involving high-level figures in government, media, entertainment and other sectors, some elected officials seem ready to immediately tackle one issue already on the 2018 agenda: Sexual misconduct in society.

**Hoover remains House speaker, but he won't preside over Kentucky House for now**  
**Daniel Desrochers, Lexington Herald-Leader**

House Speaker Jeff Hoover did not resign. In a formal "letter of empowerment" submitted Tuesday to the House of Representatives, Hoover granted House Speaker Pro Tempore David Osborne, R-Prospect, the authority to preside over the 60-workday legislative session until the Legislative Ethics Commission concludes its investigation of allegations that Hoover sexually harassed a legislative staffer and then signed a secret settlement to conceal the action.

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## **Advocacy**

**Roger Stone retroactively registers lobbying contract**  
**Megan R. Wilson, The Hill**

Roger Stone, a longtime political operative with ties to President Trump, has retroactively registered as a lobbyist for a venture capital firm wanting to invest in commodities in Somalia. His registration, which showed up in a federal lobbying disclosure database last week, says the work began on May 1 of last year.

### **Arctic Blast Heating Up Battle Between Energy Lobbying Groups**

**Tim Loh, Bloomberg**

Just about the only thing heating up in the eastern half of the U.S. right now is the debate over what power source should be trusted to keep homes warm and the lights on. There are 99 nuclear generating units in the U.S. and every one of them is currently operating - "an incredible but unsurprising testament to nuclear's reliability," said John Keeley, spokesman for the Nuclear Energy Institute.

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## **Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives**

### **The Republicans' Fake Investigations**

**Glenn R. Simpson and Peter Fritsch, The New York Times**

A generation ago, Republicans sought to protect President Richard Nixon by urging the Senate Watergate committee to look at supposed wrongdoing by Democrats in previous elections. The committee chairman, Sam Ervin, a Democrat, said that would be "as foolish as the man who went bear hunting and stopped to chase rabbits."



**A Moment of Contempt**  
**The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal**

The House Intelligence Committee has set a deadline of Wednesday for the Department of Justice and FBI to turn over documents related to the Christopher Steele dossier purporting to investigate ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. If they fail to comply, Speaker Paul Ryan will need to back up Congress's institutional prerogatives and hold the individuals responsible to contempt proceedings and possible impeachment.

**The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census**  
**Editorial Board, The Washington Post**

Perhaps no institution is more important to the functioning of American democracy than the census, the once-a-decade count of the U.S. population that determines congressional representation - and where billions in federal dollars will be spent. Yet both the GOP-led Congress and the Trump administration have hobbled the 2020 Census effort, which is entering its crucial final stages.

**House Seats You Think Can't Flip but Might**  
**Stu Rothenberg, Roll Call**

Responses to the "generic ballot" poll question suggest a partisan electoral wave is building. But the fight for control of the House isn't a single national election.

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## Research Reports and Polling

### **Republicans Push Government Agency Ratings Up, but Not FBI** **Megan Brennan and Steve Ander, Gallup**

Majorities of Americans now rate the job performance of eight of 13 key government agencies as "excellent" or "good"; the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) again tops the list with a 74% positive rating. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Secret Service trail the Postal Service as second and third on the list, respectively.



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## **FuelCell Energy: Project using biogas earns CARB certification**

### **Biomass Magazine**

FuelCell Energy Inc., a global leader in delivering clean, innovative and affordable fuel cell solutions for the supply, recovery and storage of energy, recently announced that the SureSource 3000 fuel cell power plant operating on anaerobic digester gas (ADG) has received the California Air Resources Board's Distributed Generation Certification to the 2013 Waste Gas Standard. This certification is necessary for any distributed generation equipment to be exempt from air permit requirements in the State of California. Attainment of this certification recognizes the clean air profile of SureSource solutions, and exemption from other permitting processes for individual installations reduces costs and supports customer sustainability goals.

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## **Ballard Announces New Improvements in Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology for Drones**

### **Commercial UAV News**

On December 22nd Ballard Power Systems (NASDAQ: BLP; TSX: BLP) announced that the company has developed a next generation high performance fuel cell propulsion system to power unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones. We've been particularly interested in any new developments in hydrogen fuel cell technology given the potential for higher flying time as an alternative to the restrictive current flying time of 25 minutes or less found on most commercially available multi-copters. This next generation fuel cell propulsion system is set to deliver a number of important advances, namely, increased power density, resulting from a new membrane electrode assembly (MEA) design.

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## **Shell and ITM to build world's largest electrolysis plant**

### **The Chemical Engineer**

SHELL and ITM Power have announced a plan to build the world's largest hydrogen electrolysis plant at Shell's Rheinland refinery in Wesseling, Germany. The 17m t/y refinery uses around 180,000 t/y of hydrogen obtained through steam-reforming natural gas, to process and upgrade the refinery's products. The new electrolysis plant, called 'Refhyne', will produce 1,300 t/y of hydrogen, and will be fully integrated into the refinery's processes. As well as providing some of

the refinery's hydrogen, it will enable Shell and ITM Power to test the technology and explore applications in other sectors.

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## **Toyota to halve costs of fuel cell cars' core components**

### **Nikkei Asian Review**

NAGOYA, Japan -- Facing tepid demand for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles due to their high price tags, Toyota Motor plans to slash the cost of the key components of the zero-emission cars by more than half for a new model slated to launch in 2020 or later. The Japanese automaker started development of fuel cell vehicles in 1992 and debuted the Mirai, its first mass-produced model, in 2014. Production capacity for the Mirai has grown steadily, but the car remains pricey at about 7 million yen (\$63,049) and has sold only a little more than 5,000 units.

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## **Fuel cell maker Hydrogenics wins \$7.8M order from Chinese client**

### **CleanTech Canada**

MISSISSAUGA, Ont.-Ontario fuel cell maker Hydrogenics Corp. has won a new order from a unnamed customer in China. The cleantech company said the deal is worth \$7.8 million and involves hydrogen fuel cells for zero-emissions vehicles in China. It disclosed few other details about its customer, citing competitive reasons. Along with adopting battery electric technology, numerous Chinese companies have been building and testing hydrogen buses as a way to combat poor air quality in urban areas.

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## **Most auto executives see fuel cells not batteries for future EVs**

### **Digital Journal**

A survey by giant auditor KPMG finds that though there is a growing electric vehicle (EV) market in China and also increasing global pollution limits for autos run on fossil fuels, a majority of global auto executives take a dim view of battery-run EVs. KPMG stands for Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler. The survey by KPMG, a large professional service company that employs

about 189,000 people, shows that 62 percent of senior auto executives think that eventually EV's will be leapfrogged by fuel-cell vehicles.

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## **A French startup is launching hydrogen-powered bicycles that sell for over \$9,000 each**

**Business Insider**

A French startup has become the first company to start factory production of hydrogen-powered bicycles for use in corporate or municipal fleets. Pragma Industries, which is based in Biarritz, France, and makes fuel cells for military use, has sold some 60 hydrogen-powered bikes to French municipalities including Saint Lo, Cherbourg, Chambéry, and Bayonne. At about 7,500 euros (approximately \$9,197 US) per bike, and at least 30,000 euros (upwards of \$36,000 US) for a charging station, the bikes are too expensive for the consumer market. But Pragma is working to cut that to 5,000 euros (just over \$6,000 US), which would bring their price in line with premium electric bikes.

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## **UK could be on track for hydrogen trains**

**Gasworld**

The UK government have stated that hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) technology should be considered on the Great Western network between London and the West Country. The Department for Transport (DFT) indicated that H<sub>2</sub> could be used as an alternative power supply on smaller branch lines that will never be electrified. Alstom, French developer of the world's first H<sub>2</sub>-powered train, has been in discussions with British operators regarding the technology and have recently signed a deal to build and operate 14 zero-emission H<sub>2</sub> trains in Lower Saxony, Germany.

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## **Chinese demand drives fuel cell adoption**

**International Railway Journal**

A flurry of orders in late 2017 for rolling stock powered by alternative fuels are indicative of a trend that is set to continue in 2018. Kevin Smith looks at Ballard Power Systems' contribution to this field. Growing interest in and applications of fuel cells in the rail industry is following in the footsteps of significant progress with the technology in the bus sector in the last 10-15 years. Hydrogen-powered, compressed natural gas, and electric buses are increasingly common sights



on city streets around the world, as municipalities strive to reduce harmful emissions and cut their carbon footprint.

[Read full article here](#)

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## **Researchers develop new catalyst capable of producing hydrogen fuel**

### **Hydrogen Fuel News**

Researchers from the University of California, Santa Cruz, have developed a new carbon-based nanocomposite that could serve as a catalyst to produce renewable hydrogen fuel. The research team notes that the new catalyst is inexpensive due to its use of affordable materials. The catalyst works by separating water into its base components of oxygen and hydrogen, making the production process much more environmentally friendly than it has been in the past.

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# Ohio Health Value Review

A quarterly update on population health and healthcare spending in Ohio

*The Ohio Health Value Review is a quarterly electronic update from the Health Policy Institute of Ohio designed to strengthen connections between public health and healthcare partners in Ohio and highlight opportunities for different sectors to work together to improve health value in our state. If you have questions about the newsletter or have suggested tools or resources you would like to see included in future editions, please [contact Nick Wiseloge](#), HPIO's Vice President of Strategic Communications.*

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## To reduce infant mortality, policymakers must address social determinants

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio's [2017 Health Value Dashboard](#) identified infant mortality as one of Ohio's greatest health challenges. New data released just after

the start of the new year found that the state still has a great deal of work to do to address the issue, particularly the significant racial disparities faced by Ohioans.

Infant mortality is viewed as a "tip of the iceberg" health issue because it serves as an indicator of the overall health and wellbeing of a state. Infant deaths signal the presence of other community problems just below the surface, such as poor child health, racism and families struggling to make ends meet. Policies that address these root causes of infant mortality have the added benefit of also addressing other health challenges the state faces, such as depression, addiction and food insecurity.

Ohio's black infant mortality rate of 13.46 deaths for every 1,000 live births from 2013 to 2015 was worse than all states except Wisconsin, according to **data released earlier this month by the National Center for Health Statistics**. Ohio's black infant mortality rate is nearly triple the state's infant mortality rate of 5.76 for babies born to white mothers during the same period.

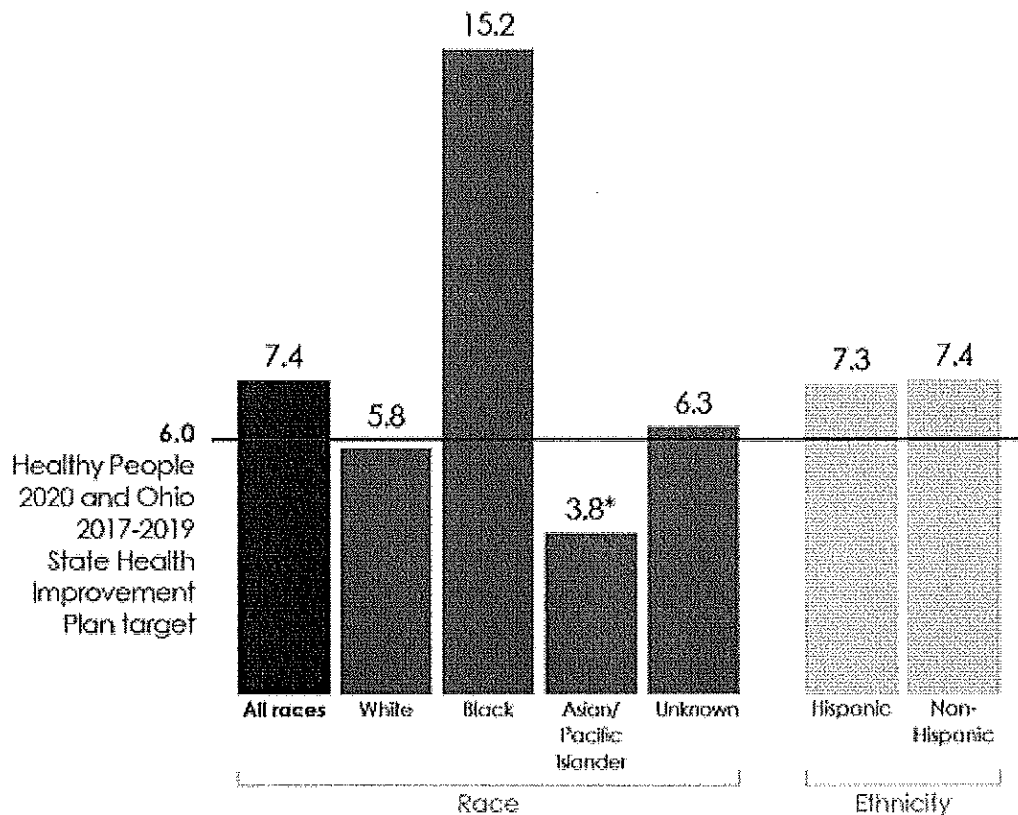
Organizations throughout Ohio have worked tirelessly in recent years to address the state's disturbingly high infant mortality rate, with most of the energy focused on initiatives that tackle the problem through improved medical care. However, we continue to see the state's infant mortality rate moving in the wrong direction. Ohio's struggle to make progress suggests that the solution to improving Ohio's performance may need to come from addressing the root causes of infant mortality, factors outside of the healthcare system. Researchers estimate that of the modifiable factors that impact overall health, 20 percent are attributed to clinical care (e.g., healthcare access and quality) and 30 percent to health-related behaviors. The remaining 50 percent are attributed to the social, economic and physical environment. Programs and policies impacting these social and economic factors, such as housing, transportation, education and employment, hold untapped promise for increasing the number of Ohio babies who survive past their first birthday and improving the health of all Ohioans.

**[Read more](#)**

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## Health value graphic

The graphic below, from the HPIO report **A New Approach to Reduce Infant Mortality and Achieve Equity**, shows the Ohio infant mortality rate by race and ethnicity for 2016. The bars represent the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.



\* Rate based on fewer than 20 infant deaths and should be interpreted with caution.  
 Source: 2016 Ohio Infant Mortality Data: General Findings, Ohio Department of Health

## Health value resources

The *2017 Health Value Dashboard* found that Ohio ranks 46 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia on health value, landing in the bottom quartile. This means that Ohioans are living less healthy lives and we spend more on health care than people in most other states. The tools below can be used to help improve health value in Ohio.

## Population health and healthcare spending

- State of Ohio Health Facts - Ohio Department of Health
- State Population Health Strategies that Make a Difference - Milbank Memorial Fund
- High-Deductible Health Plans Reduce Healthcare Cost and Utilization, Including Use of Needed Preventive Services - Health Affairs
- 2016 Health Care Cost and Utilization Report - Health Care Cost Institute
- Mortality in the United States, 2016 - National Center for Health Statistics
- Federal Spending Priorities Shifted Toward Health Over Past Decade - Pew Charitable Trust

## **Social and economic environment**

- Building Blocks for Addressing Social Determinants of Health - JAMA Forum
- Connections between education and health No. 3: The importance of early learning - HPIO
- It takes a community: Community schools provide opportunities for all - Phi Delta Kappan
- Using Community Partnerships to Integrate Health and Social Services for High-Need, High-Cost Patients - Commonwealth Fund

## **Physical environment**

- Evaluation of Housing for Health Permanent Supportive Housing Program - Rand Corporation
- Listening to Low-Income Patients: Where We Live Matters to Our Health - Commonwealth Fund
- Unstable Housing and Caregiver and Child Health in Renter Families - Pediatrics
- Association of Short-term Exposure to Air Pollution With Mortality in Older Adults - JAMA
- Unstable Housing and Diabetes-Related Emergency Department Visits and Hospitalization: A Nationally Representative Study of Safety-Net Clinic Patients - American Diabetes Association

## **Access to care**

- State-Level Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance, 2012-2016: Charbook and State Fact Sheets - State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC)

- **Private Health Insurance Basics 2017 Update: Current policy issues impacting the individual health insurance market in Ohio** - HPIO
- **Comparing the Affordable Care Act's Financial Impact on Safety-Net Hospitals in States That Expanded Medicaid and Those That Did Not** - Commonwealth Fund

## Healthcare system

- **Hospital Community Benefit Scorecard** - Ohio Department of Health
- **Price Transparency and Physician Quality Report Card 2017** - Altarum's Center for Payment Innovation and Catalyst for Payment Reform
- **Community Benefit Spending By Tax-Exempt Hospitals Changed Little After ACA** - Health Affairs
- **Doctors Feel Excluded from Health Care Value Efforts** - Harvard Business Review
- **2017 Hospital Safety Grade** - Leapfrog

## Public health and prevention

- **Community Health Improvement Plans** - Ohio Department of Health
- **Public Health Consequences of E-Cigarettes** - The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
- **Evaluating Community-Based Health Improvement Programs** - Health Affairs
- **What the World Can Learn from Chile's Obesity-Control Strategies** - Rand Corporation

## Health equity

- **Health Departments with a Commitment to Health Equity: A More Skilled Workforce and Higher-Quality Collaborations** - Health Affairs
- **Geographical Health Priority Areas For Older Americans** - Health Affairs

## State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) priority topics

The **2017-2019 SHIP**, facilitated by HPIO under contract with the Ohio Department of Health, lays out specific steps to achieve measurable improvements on key priorities. Below are resources that address those priority areas.

## Mental health and addiction

- **Addiction Overview and Project Description** - HPIO Addiction Evidence Project

- **Evidence resource page: Prevention, treatment and recovery** - HPIO Addiction Evidence Project
- **The Opioid Epidemic's Impact on Children Services in Ohio** - Public Children Services Association of Ohio
- **Drug Overdose Deaths in the United States, 1999-2016** - National Center for Health Statistics
- **To Combat the Opioid Epidemic, We Must Be Honest About All Its Causes** - Harvard Business Review
- **Marijuana Buyers in the United States, 2010-2014** - Rand Corporation
- **Teenage cannabis, cigarette use may heighten risk for later psychosis** - Psychiatric Annals

## Chronic disease

- **Chronic disease care: Family helpers play key roles, but feel left out by providers** - University of Michigan via Medical Xpress
- **Association of Exposure to Communities With Higher Ratios of Obesity with Increased Body Mass Index and Risk of Overweight and Obesity Among Parents and Children** - JAMA Pediatrics
- **America Experiences More Pain Than Other Countries** - The Atlantic

## Maternal and infant health

- **A new approach to reduce infant mortality and achieve equity: Policy recommendations to improve housing, transportation, education and employment** - HPIO report to the Legislative Service Commission
- **An Overview of State Funding Addressing Maternal and Infant Health** - Center for Community Solutions
- **Vital Signs: Trends and Disparities in Infant Safe Sleep Practices - United States, 2009-2015** - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Child Mortality In The US And 19 OECD Comparator Nations: A 50-Year Time-Trend Analysis** - Health Affairs

## Upcoming events

**Feb. 27 -- HPIO forum: Addressing the social drivers of healthy aging: Policy options to improve health and impact spending growth**



As Ohio's population continues to age, policymakers are faced with unique challenges. This forum, a follow-up to a popular 2016 HPIO forum, will explore the aging policy landscape, supports for healthy aging, public and private payment models and social determinants of health for aging populations.

**March 14-16 -- Association for Community Health Improvement  
National Conference in Atlanta, GA**

**May 22-24-- National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual  
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**June 11-12-- Ohio Association of County  
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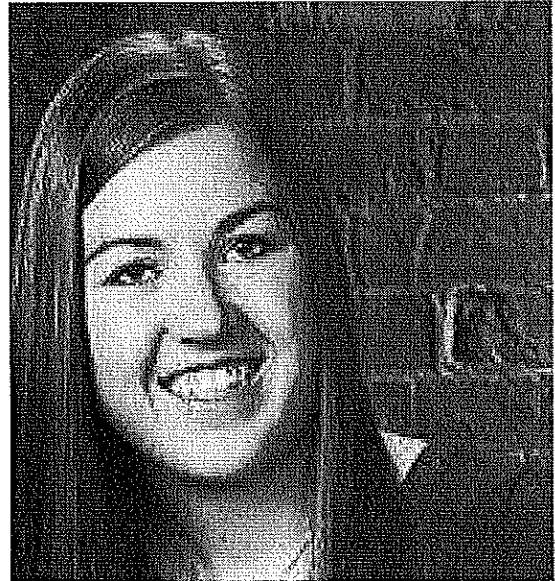
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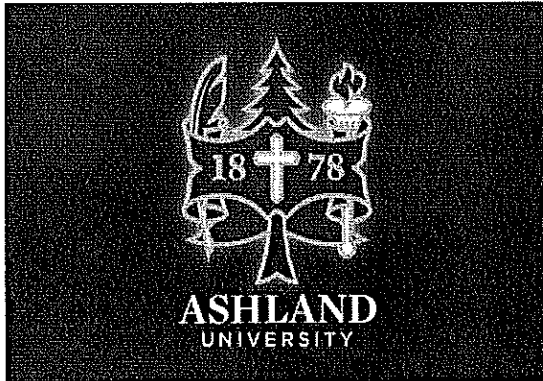
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Moriah Sprit, Rebekah Merkle, Eric Bueno, and 161 others were recognized for accomplishments at The University of Akron.

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## ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

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John Davies, Julie Worley, Brittany Moore, and 8 others were recognized for accomplishments at Ashland University.

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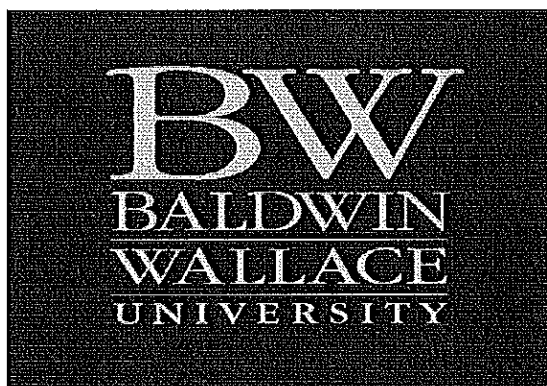


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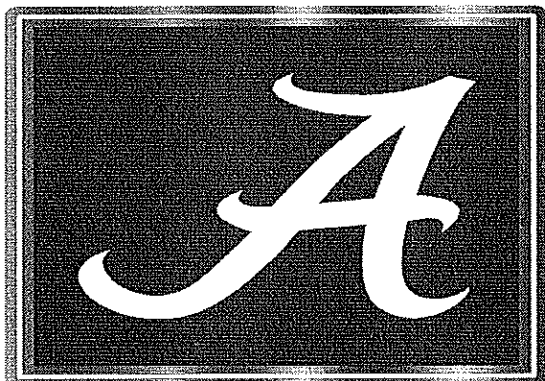


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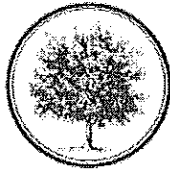
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### **The Buckeye Institute's Rea Hederman Praises Initial Steps in Waiver Process, Says More Needs to be Done**

**Columbus, OH** -- On Friday, the Ohio Department of Insurance and the Ohio Department of Medicaid kicked-off the public comment period for two Medicaid waivers that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Rea S. Hederman Jr., who is executive director of the Economic Research Center at **The Buckeye Institute**, vice president of policy, and a nationally recognized expert on health care policy, and the author of *Returning Health Care Power to the States: The Affordable Care Act's Section 1332 Waiver for State Innovation*, issued the following statement.

"Last week, the state of Ohio took the initial step towards improving health care for Ohioans, ensuring that Medicaid is available to the neediest and is sustainable for future generations.

"In requesting a waiver that will include a work or community engagement requirement for healthy adults, Ohio will bring its Medicaid program in-line with other federal-state welfare programs that **already require beneficiaries to work** or engage in work-related activities. The new waiver signals that healthy adults need to work, volunteer, or attend school in order to receive their Medicaid benefits. This is a good step forward, but more reforms are needed such as cost sharing provisions like premiums, health savings accounts, a limitation on retroactive eligibility, and other tools that prepare and help Medicaid recipients transition to private health care coverage.

"Many of these policies are contained in the Healthy Ohio program that the General Assembly has long sought but was vetoed in the last budget. While the Ohio House of Representatives has overridden that veto, the Senate must still act in order to move the program forward.

"The second waiver follows through on an **idea that was initially developed and championed by The Buckeye Institute**, which is using a 1332 state innovation waiver to exempt Ohio from the individual mandate. This innovation waiver should be easily approved by the federal government, since the current mandate penalty has been eliminated by Congress. Through this waiver, Ohioans will be protected from the individual mandate tax for the next five years, even if Congress reinstates the mandate penalty. Like the Medicaid waiver, this innovation waiver is only one step on the road to a better health care system.

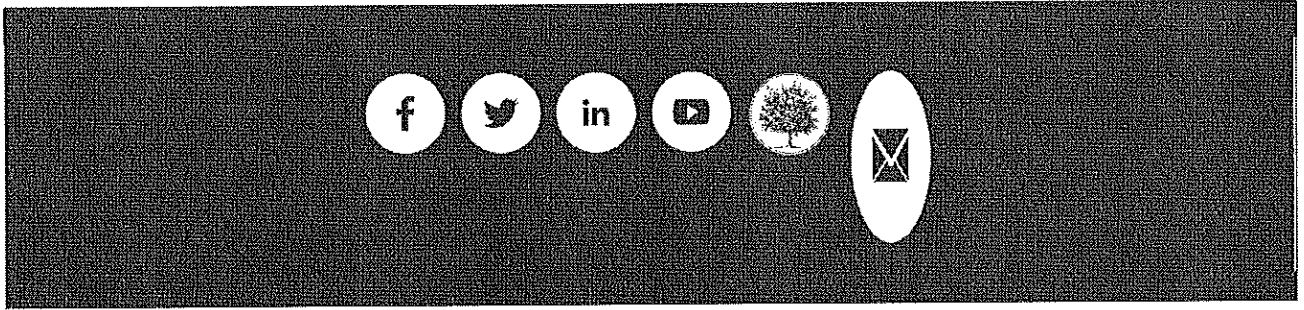
"Over the past year, the Trump Administration has promised flexibility in working with the states, and they have started to deliver. It is smart policy for Ohio to seize this opportunity but more is needed to fix both Medicaid and the insurance markets and ensure they work for Ohioans."

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*RIGHT NOW, the most important election in the country is the special congressional election in Pennsylvania's 18th district... and a **BRAND NEW POLL** of likely voters from Emerson University now has Democrat Conor Lamb **BEATING** radical Trump Republican Rick Saccone by 3 points!!!*



**We have the momentum! But there's only ONE WEEK from tomorrow to lock up this CRUCIAL victory!**



**Democrats and progressives are being MASSIVELY outspent in this race by right-wing super PACs (including Paul Ryan's).**

**Republicans are treating this race as an all-out emergency, because they know that if we can beat them here, it could solidify a national BLUE WAVE that flips control of the US House and maybe even the Senate!**

**Donate today to flip this GOP-held seat to the Democrats and to help us defeat Trump Republicans all across the country>>**

The Republican, Trump-endorsed Rick Saccone, is a far-right extremist who:

- says he was "**Trump before Trump**,"
- has written extensively *in support of torture*,
- once introduced legislation that would **allow customers at Chuck E. Cheese to carry guns**, and
- when he was considering a run for Senate last year, told a Christian Nationalist radio program he was running because **God wants Christians "to rule over us."**

Saccone would be another GOP rubberstamp for Trump's dangerous, un-American agenda. That's why we're running digital ads, phonebanking voters in the district to turn out every last progressive, and more...

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**As Primaries Begin, Divided Voters Weigh What It Means to Be a Democrat**

**By JONATHAN MARTIN and ALEXANDER BURNS**

Primary elections in Texas on Tuesday and Illinois this month will test the growing divide in the Democratic Party between bold liberalism and tradition.

**Mueller's Focus on Adviser to U.A.E. Indicates Broader Inquiry**

**By MARK MAZZETTI, DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK and MAGGIE**

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The special counsel has asked about the role of the adviser, George Nader, in White House policymaking, indicating that he is examining Emirati influence on the Trump administration.

**Trump's Steel Tariffs Raise Fears of a Damaging Trade War**

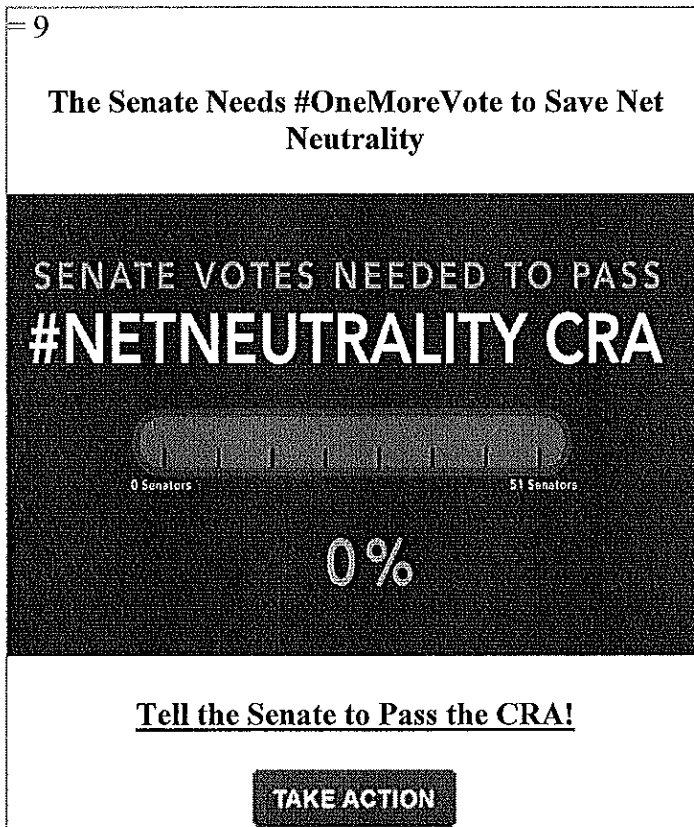
**By JIM TANKERSLEY**

A global tit-for-tat on trade could crimp economic growth, undermining the stimulative effects of President Trump's deregulation push and his signature \$1.5 trillion tax cut.

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**From:** Evan, Rashad, Arisha, Brandi, Jade, Johnny, Janaya, Corina, Chad, Mary, Saréya, Eesha, and the rest of the Color Of Change team

**Subject:** The FCC Gutted Net Neutrality. Congress Only Needs #OneMoreVote to Overturn Them



This past week marked the 6th anniversary of the murder of Trayvon Martin and as we reflect back on how movements for justice have grown, much of the organizing would not have been possible without an open internet. **From the creation of #BlackLivesMatter, to the canceling of a book deal for one of the jurors who acquitted George Zimmerman<sup>1</sup>, to the creation of organizing tactics that have been used in social movements all over the world, and currently in use by the students of Parkland, FL<sup>2</sup>, an open internet has made the advocacy for Black human rights and the amplification of our stories possible.** All that may come to a halt if one more Senator doesn't sign on to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution overturning the FCC's decision to gut the net neutrality rules put in place by the Obama Administration.

**Tell the Senate to Pass the CRA and Save Net Neutrality**

The FCC's decision to repeal rules that made the internet an equal and open space is just an updated version of the tactics used in the past to silence Black voices and deny opportunities to marginalized communities. **Before net neutrality was in**



place, the 5 major internet service providers (AT&T, Time Warner, Charter, Comcast and Verizon), who provide broadband service for 75% of the country, were regularly slowing traffic speeds to popular websites.<sup>3</sup> Now that there's a Verizon lobbyist in charge of the FCC and a presidential administration that caters to big business, there's almost nothing to stop these corporations from controlling what you can consume on the internet, even as you're paying for it.

If you've ever used the internet to say #BlackLivesMatter, #MeToo, or to remind the world that Flint, Michigan doesn't have clean water, then you know how vital an open internet is to sharing our stories and advocating for human rights. Major corporations like Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T shouldn't get to decide which messages are heard, based on what's good for their profit margin. Join the rest of the internet as we come together and flood the Senate with phone calls, texts, and tweets demanding they protect net neutrality.

### **We Only Need #OneMoreVote in the Senate to Save Net Neutrality**

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**From:** Robert B. Reich

**Subject:** The emperor has no clothes

I've been a teacher for more than 30 years. My job is to teach, challenge, and enrich my students' minds.

Donald Trump's response to the latest tragic school shooting—to put even more guns in our schools—is just the latest Trump scam. It's a distraction. It's meant to divide us. And it certainly won't make our kids safer.

But the Parkland students aren't falling for it, nor are young people and students all over the country—including many who have been organizing against gun violence for years. Over the coming weeks, they are coming together to organize marches and other protests all across the country. I'm standing with these students, and so is MoveOn—by mobilizing its millions of members to participate in the protests and by pressuring corporations to cut their support for the NRA.

**Will you stand up to the NRA by making a donation to MoveOn today? Just click below. [Donate](#)**

We know how to reduce gun violence: for starters, universal background checks and bans on high-capacity magazines and AR-15s and other military-style assault weapons like the ones used in Parkland—and in Sutherland Springs, San Bernardino, Aurora, Orlando, Las Vegas, and Newtown. And we know the way to get there: direct pressure on corporations, demanding action from politicians at the federal and state levels, and—ultimately—breaking the stranglehold of the NRA by isolating it from its corporate and political enablers.

Republicans in Washington are so completely bought by the NRA that new federal laws are unlikely in the short term. But the students leading the movement to end gun violence—from Parkland and from communities across the country that have been impacted—aren't waiting for the Republicans in Washington, and neither is MoveOn.

Student-led groups and their allies, including hundreds of thousands of MoveOn members, are calling on corporations to stand up to the NRA, and this #BoycottNRA movement is catching on like wildfire. The retailer Dick's Sporting Goods is the latest to defy the NRA by taking AR-15s and high-capacity magazines off its store shelves, while Walmart and others are raising the age of who can purchase guns. Indeed, the NRA isn't invincible. (Remember the old "emperor has no clothes" parable? That's the NRA right now.)

MoveOn is joining students in keeping the pressure on corporate America and pushing to pass new laws in state legislatures. And MoveOn will hold the NRA's enablers in Congress accountable, so we can finally start to move forward with commonsense gun legislation in Congress, too.

**I pledge to stand with students—not by carrying a gun but by standing up to the NRA.**

**Will you join me in the fight against gun violence by making a donation to MoveOn today? [Donate](#)**

**Want to support MoveOn's work?** The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate with love, and begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back toward sanity, decency, and the kind of future that all of us must never give up on. And to do it MoveOn needs your support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with MoveOn? [Donate](#) Contributions to MoveOn.org Civic Action are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.**

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**From:** Stephen, Erica, Cassandra, and the team at Win Without War

**Subject:** "The brutality of this war will be beyond the experience of any living soldier."

The U.S. military is secretly rehearsing for a bloody war with North Korea.

Top military brass gathered in Hawaii last week to draw up plans for evacuation helicopters and troop movements. [1] They said 10,000 Americans could be wounded in just a few days.

**Munsup, this is our push moment to prevent war with North Korea.**

Win Without War is using every possible tactic to pressure Congress to step in, from grabbing headlines to flooding phone lines. But we need your help. The truth is, if we don't get in Trump's way right now, **we could be looking at war with North Korea in a matter of months.**

**After the military's planning exercise, the Army's Chief of Staff warned that a war with North Korea would be the most brutal any living soldier has ever seen.**

If you're scared — well, so am I. But his warning is also a huge opportunity.

Powerful people are speaking out to say that the human costs of this war would be awful beyond imagining. **We have a major chance to turn this growing murmur of worry into a massive outcry for common-sense diplomacy.**

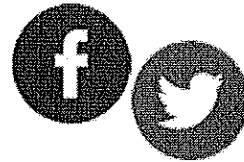
**Can you pitch in \$6 to seize this moment and drag Trump off the brink of war?**

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**From:** Kaili Lambe; Director of Organizing, CREDO Action from Working Assets  
**Subject:** End war in Yemen (signatures needed)

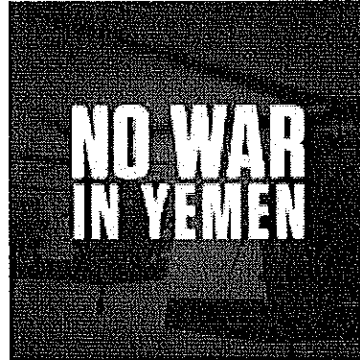
**Tell the Senate: No war in Yemen**

*The petition to the Senate reads:*

**"We urge you to co-sponsor and support S.J.Res.54 to end U.S. military involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen."**

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Last August, an American-made laser-guided bomb killed seven children in Yemen's capital city. Before the strike, a 5-year-old named Buthaina had five brothers and sisters. After the strike she had none.<sup>1</sup> Buthaina and her siblings were just a few of the estimated 5,000 killed or injured in the Saudi-led war in Yemen that started in 2015 – an average of five a day.<sup>2</sup>

Right now, **American military forces are refueling the Saudis' American-made planes so that the Saudis and their coalition can drop American-made weapons to carry out a devastating war that is killing civilians, destroying crops, cutting off access to ports and wreaking havoc on the people of Yemen.** As a result of American support for the war, millions are facing starvation and the country is battling what may be the worst cholera epidemic in history.<sup>3</sup>

We must speak out now to stop this deadly war in the Middle East. Fortunately, progressive champion Sen. Bernie Sanders just introduced bipartisan legislation to invoke the War Powers Resolution, which would require a vote in the next few weeks on ending U.S. support for this Saudi-led war.<sup>4</sup> We have a short window to demand that the Senate vote to end U.S. military involvement and withdraw its support from the conflict that has led to what the United Nations calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis.<sup>5</sup>

**Tell the Senate: Pass S.J.Res.54 to end U.S. support for Saudi-led war in Yemen.**  
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**For nearly three years, under the guise of reassuring our allies and “confronting Iran,” the United States has quietly assisted Saudi Arabia in their conflict with the Houthis** = 2 a Yemeni Shiite militia group originally formed around the historical economic and political marginalization of Yemen’s northwest. The United States has provided weapons, provided logistical and intelligence support, and helped refuel coalition jets as they dropped bombs on Yemeni civilians. But the Houthis have limited ties to Iran and absolutely nothing to do with Al Qaeda, ISIS or any other terrorist organization that could conceivably fall within the scope of military intervention covered by the current Authorization for Use of Military Force.<sup>6</sup>

This unauthorized war started under the Obama administration, and in the face of egregious civilian casualties, President Obama scaled back U.S. involvement. But Trump has given the Saudis and the United Arab Emirates the green light to double down on its disastrous air campaign.<sup>7</sup> The civilian death toll in Yemen has been heart-wrenching – with over 10,000 casualties and rising – but the United States continues to offer resources to the Saudi-led coalition.

In October 2016, a coalition airstrike targeted a funeral procession, killing over 130 innocent people and injuring 500 more.<sup>8</sup> During the 10 day period from Dec 6 – 16, Saudi airstrikes killed 136 civilians, including at least seven civilians when they Saudi-led coalition struck a hospital on Dec. 10.<sup>9</sup> Then on Jan. 1, Saudi airstrikes killed 23 people in the port city of Hodeida.<sup>10</sup> In providing the Saudi-led coalition targeting intelligence, mid-air refueling and other logistical support, the United States is complicit in violations of international law.

**Tell the Senate: S.J.Res.54 to end U.S. support for Saudi-led war in Yemen.**  
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Beyond the direct violence, the ongoing war in Yemen has forced millions to flee their homes, resulted in the world’s worst cholera outbreak, and has left more than two-thirds of Yemen’s population – more than 20 million people – not knowing where their next meal will come from.<sup>11</sup> **According to the UN 400,000 Yemeni children are acutely malnourished – that is at risk of death from starvation – while as many as 8.4 million people in Yemen are on the verge of famine.**<sup>12</sup> That is because Saudi forces are using food as a weapon of war – enforcing a blockade

that has stopped much needed food, medicine and supplies from entering the country.<sup>13</sup>

**What's more, the war has contributed to a fast-moving cholera outbreak – the largest documented in modern history – that has already affected more than 1 million people.<sup>14</sup>**

U.S. tax dollars are directly financing this Saudi-led war, even though U.S. involvement has not been authorized by Congress – whose responsibility it is to debate, vote on and authorize military action. By participating in this war in this way, Congress and Donald Trump are robbing the American people of their right to be represented in these decisions.

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**Congress must remove us from this conflict, immediately. Tell the Senate: Pass S.J.Res.54 to end U.S. support for Saudi-led war in Yemen. Click the link below to sign the petition.**

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**From:** Gard of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and the American Federation of Teachers, Parkland, FL

**Subject:** I'm a teacher at Stoneman Douglas High School

I'm Jim Gard, a math teacher at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. I started a petition because I'm shocked that the White House has issued press credentials for a right-wing conspiracy theory blog that is spreading lies about students at my school.

It is outrageous enough that outlets such as Gateway Pundit are spreading lies and driving attacks on students like saying one of them was coached into using anti-Trump talking points when expressing his grief about the school shooting. But it is even more outrageous that an outlet that peddles lies and conspiracy theories holds a White House press credential and the authority that carries.<sup>1</sup>

**Sign my petition if you agree Donald Trump and this administration must make it clear that these attacks are unacceptable by pulling this blog's credentials and permanently banning the site and its publishers from the White House.**



The White House must show that there are consequences for driving vicious personal attacks on student victims of gun violence and peddling conspiracy theories. It must pull Gateway Pundit's press credentials, permanently ban them from official events, and commit to not giving credentials to any outlet that engages in these types of conspiracy theories or attacks on vulnerable students and victims.

Sign Jim's petition

In the aftermath of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County, Florida, students who survived the attack have bravely stood up to demand action for safe schools and safe communities. I know these students.

But now, right-wing blogs are pushing wild conspiracy theories about the students who survived, claiming they are plants, actors, or being manipulated by politicians.<sup>2</sup>

By giving Gateway Pundit press credentials, the White House is validating the site and these attacks.

I have worked with these students. These courageous young people survived a horror beyond what any person should have to face, and now they stand with moral courage and strength to call us all to action.

**Click here to add your name to this petition, and then pass it along to your friends.**

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**Want to support our work?** The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate with love, and begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back toward sanity, decency, and the kind of future that we must never give up on. And to do it we need your ongoing support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with us?** Donate monthly or make a one-time gift

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**From:** Nita, Shaunna, Kat, Karin, Adam, Holly, Kathy, Susan, Anatheia, Audine, Shannon, Emma, Pilar, Natalie, Melody, Lindsay, Pam, and Ryan, the UltraViolet Action team

**Subject:** RE: The NRA is in deep, deep trouble

Two weeks ago, 17 students and teachers were murdered by a gunman using an AR-15.

**Since then, corporations have been scrambling to distance themselves from the NRA.**

The First National Bank of Omaha just announced that it will no longer issue its NRA-branded credit card. Enterprise, Hertz, Alamo, and National rental cars announced they are canceling their discount program for NRA members.<sup>1</sup>

**Now we're focusing on two companies--Visa and MasterCard--that have the power to stop processing payments for the sale of assault weapons, like the ones used in Parkland, Las Vegas, and Newtown.**

PayPal and Apple Pay have banned these purchases, and UltraViolet Education Fund is launching a hard-hitting ad campaign focused in Foster City, California, and Purchase, New York--the corporate headquarters of Visa and MasterCard--to demand that they stop processing these sales as well.

**Will you chip in \$5 to UltraViolet Action to help fight back against the NRA?**

= AAAfter the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, media pundits said that Congress wouldn't do anything.

But Congress isn't the only one with power. **Corporations--especially the financial institutions that do business with the gun industry--have enormous power to slow or even stop the sale of guns.**

There's no reason that Visa and MasterCard can't do this. In fact, they already don't allow their cards to be used to purchase marijuana in states where it's legal, and some of the biggest card issuers won't let them be used to buy Bitcoin either.<sup>2,3</sup>

But most people have no idea that Visa and MasterCard have the discretion to stop these purchases. That's why our ad campaign has the potential to be so effective--to alert the public that these credit card companies could be stopping the sales of guns like the one used in Parkland--but they are choosing not to.

UltraViolet Education Fund will start the ad campaign in the cities where these credit card companies are headquartered, and make them hard-hitting to generate media coverage as well. Judging by how quickly other corporations are running away from the gun industry, we think Visa, MasterCard, and the other credit card companies will fold as well.

**Will you chip in \$5 to UltraViolet Action to help fight back against the NRA?**

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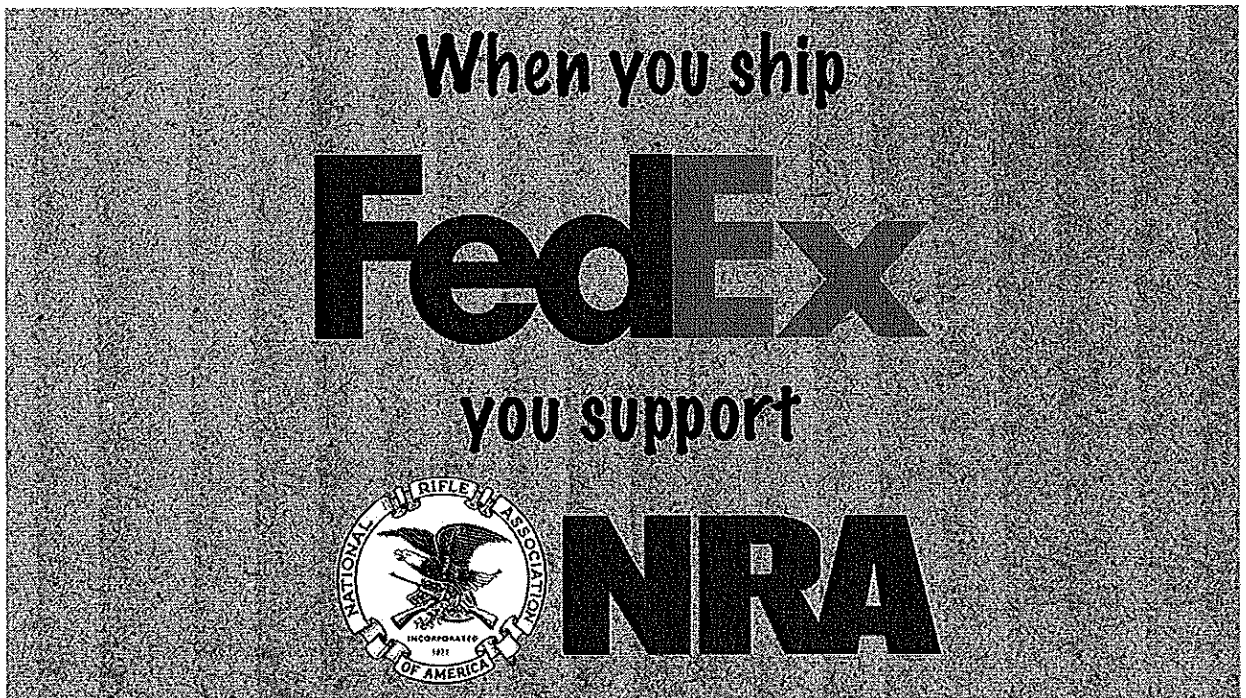
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**From:** The Guns Down team  
**Subject:** Demand that FedEx #DropTheNRA

FedEx is still standing by the gun lobby. We now know that they even made special behind-the-scenes deals with the NRA and gun manufacturers to cut shipping rates and make it easier for companies to ship guns from coast to coast. And they are doing all that just so that they can get a leg-up on their competitors and make extra money, no matter the cost.

That's why, as activists around the country are boycotting FedEx and other boosters of the NRA and its deadly "guns everywhere" agenda, we're launching **the next stage of our campaign demanding that FedEx end their relationship with the NRA: [DropTheNRA.org](http://DropTheNRA.org)**. The website is just the first step; we'll be bringing our message, and our demands, straight to FedEx headquarters soon.



**Visit the site and share it with your friends**

**[Click here to go to the site](http://DropTheNRA.org)**

The gun lobby and their corporate allies won't go down without a fight. They're expecting the pressure to lessen, and for all of us to just forget about what they are doing. **We aren't going to forget or let-up on the pressure until FedEx cuts ties with the NRA.** We stood firm in our fight against the NRA's Carry Guard murder insurance, and Chubb and Lockton relented and cut ties. Advocates around the country demanded that companies end agreements with the gun lobby, and the companies agreed. FedEx is no different.

Corporate partnerships are a huge part of the NRA's strategy; they give them an easy way to make money and gain undue credibility. Ending the relationships, and holding companies accountable for the choices they make and the deals they enter can make a real difference. When those partnerships collapse, the gun lobby loses power. And when the gun lobby loses power, America gets closer to a safer future with fewer guns which are harder to get.

Please join us in the next step of our bold campaign against FedEx's work with the NRA, and please share [DropTheNRA.org](http://DropTheNRA.org) with your networks.

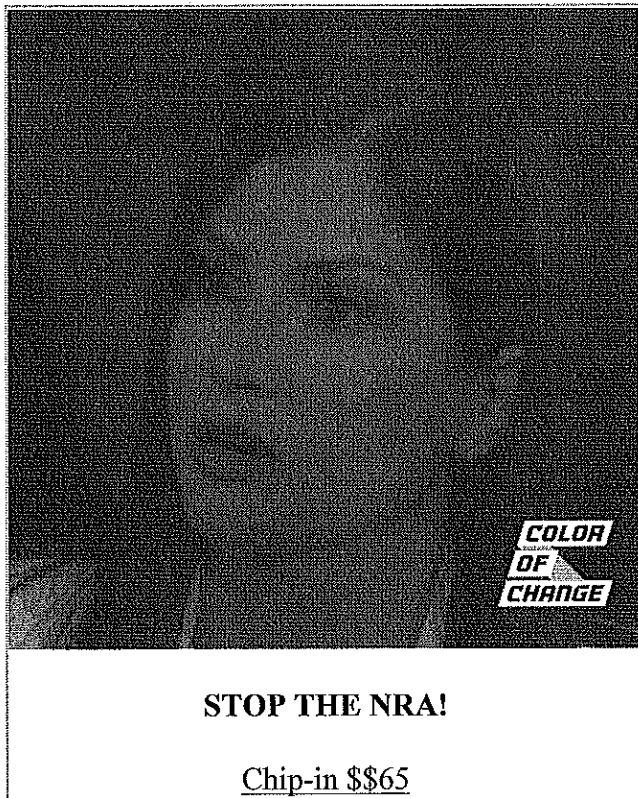
Thank you,

The Guns Down team

**P.S.** -- The kind of bold, aggressive campaign tactics we are planning for FedEx, and which were successful in getting Chubb and Lockton to end their Carry Guard murder insurance and their partnership with the NRA, aren't easy to pull off. They aren't inexpensive either. Contribute today and help us go as big, and as bold, as possible.

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**From:** Rashad Robinson and the rest of the Color Of Change team  
**Subject:** The NRA Is Tanking!



**STOP THE NRA!**

Chip-in \$\$65

**We have more great news!**

**Chubb Limited and Lockton Inc. have both cut ties with the NRA's murder insurance!**

As a result of a public campaign we launched in October with Guns Down, an advocacy group fighting against the dangerous NRA organization, **the underwriting insurer Chubb silently backed out of the deal for the NRA's murder insurance.** In the aftermath of the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, Chubb went public with their decision last Friday. And we just received news that Lockton is following their lead. Yesterday, 6 years to the day that Trayvon Martin was murdered, **Lockton announced that they would no longer provide brokerage services for the NRA's Carry Guard.** We have made a huge impact in crippling the operation of the NRA. But the fight has just begun.

**We must continue to apply pressure on corporations who shamelessly do business with the NRA.** By targeting corporate sponsors who enable the gun industry we get one step closer to weakening the NRA's grip on society as a whole.

**Will you donate \$65 to support our work as we continue to defeat the NRA?**

**Your donation will go towards:**

- Building out more impactful campaigns targeting the NRA and the companies that support them.
- Digital marketing and promotion of future gun violence prevention campaigns.
- Organizing and supporting offline actions, like petition deliveries and mobilizing people to offline direct actions targeting the NRA.

**Taking down the NRA is not easy, but our collective efforts are making difference.** Chubb and Lockton's decisions came as a result of over 100,000 members like you taking action with allies across this country demanding corporations and politicians put people over gun violence enablers like the NRA. This win is for Trayvon Martin, John Crawford II, Philando Castile, Marissa Alexander, Keegan Von Roberts and countless other Black folks who have fallen victim to the NRA's tactics to criminalize Black people while protecting white vigilantes.

**There are still a number of other companies who are doing business with the NRA, like FedEx, Apple, AGIA Affinity, Vinesse Wines, the Regency and the Omni Hotel Chains, and we must stop them.**

**Donate \$65 to stop the NRA from protecting killers and monetizing murder.**

**Color Of Change** is building a movement to elevate the voices of Black folks and our allies, and win real social and political change. **Help keep our movement strong.**

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**From:** Unfit to Serve Team

**Subject:** Add your name >> End Gerrymandering Now

Republican politicians across the country have been choosing their constituents instead of constituents choosing their politicians.

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To put it simply, Republican leaders in state legislatures are rigging the system.

**And it's time for this to stop.**

The majority of Americans want more balance in their legislatures and in Congress so more consensus can be built and more bad ideas stopped. Thankfully, people are standing up across the country -- to demand an end to this rigged system.

We are standing with a coalition of leaders and organizations across the country to restore our democracy and end gerrymandering. **Will you join us?**

Using diabolical gerrymandering, Republicans are re-drawing maps that try to give them supermajorities in state legislatures and in Congressional delegations nationwide.

Their partisan maps just don't add up -- Republicans have created wildly contorted districts to gain victory for their party, regardless of what voters want.

**= AIf you're as fed up with gerrymandering as we are, add your name today to the grassroots movement that's working to restore our democratic values.**

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**From:** Jade Magnus Ogunnaike, Color Of Change  
**Subject:** #BlackWomenMatter

**Today, I am showing that Black Women Matter! Will you do the same?**



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**Munsup, we need your support to continue supporting Black Women.**

**CHIP IN \$65!**

**We Believe that #BlackWomenMatter. [CLICK HERE IF YOU AGREE.](#)**

**Since January, hundreds of Color Of Change members across the country have gathered to create care packages for women returning from incarceration for our #ServeOurSisters event. With love, our members have tucked handwritten notes inside care packages of shampoo, conditioner, chapstick, and sanitary napkins--so far, we've been able to supply almost 2000 women across America with necessities and a word of encouragement. Help us continue our effort to center, support and strengthen Black women all across the world by donating \$3.**

**#BlackWomenMatter and I want to show it by donating \$65.**

**As studies show, Black Women are incarcerated at 4 times the rate of white women and are greatly overrepresented in homeless shelters across the United States<sup>1</sup>. It is extremely difficult for women exiting from jail or prison to find adequate housing and get the basic support needed to thrive and survive in society<sup>2</sup>. That is why Color Of Change and our members teamed up to dedicate a day to serving our sisters while dancing to "Before I Let You Go" by Frankie Beverly**

**and Maze, while enjoying a delicious soul brunch and having a discussion about what Black Women Power means, feels and looks like.**

**Show that you care about the women returning from incarceration. Please donate \$65 to buy toiletries for their care packages.**

Imagine a world where a Black Women can return to society with the resources to have a safe home with a comfortable bed, a hot plate for dinner and the daily necessities to take care of themselves. A world where their physical and mental health is just as valued as the average white person living in America. Can you picture that? **Black women are the future of our country and Color Of Change is doing all we can to directly support these women and their communities.**

**Our next service event is less than a month away -- invest \$65 to supply women returning from incarceration with shampoo and conditioner.**

When you make a pledge, you'll directly be contributing to strengthening Black Women by making sure they have the things needed to thrive in society and you know when Black Women are cared for, the community is taken care of.

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- **We create over 1000 care packages** that are equally distributed to women shelters around the community we're serving
- We provide **shampoo and conditioner, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, chapstick, soap, and feminine products**
- **Color Of Change provides a safe and joyful space** for the community while providing everything needed to create care packages

Joy, we really need you your help to continue taking care of Black Women returning from incarceration before our third service event that is less than a month away.

**Please remember that Color Of Change does not take money from corporations so that we can remain true to the communities we serve.**

**#BlackWomenMatter. Help us make one care package for a Black Women returning from incarceration. Please donate \$65 to show your support!**

Until justice is real,

Jade, Arisha, Rashad, Brandi, Johnny, Chad, Corina, Sareya, Evan, and the rest of the Color Of Change team.

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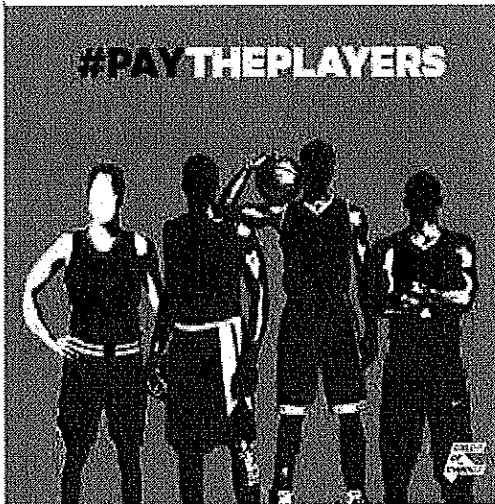
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**From:** Frank Derry via OrganizeFor

**Subject:** Sign The Petition: Tell Coca-Cola the NCAA must #PayThePlayers

**The NCAA is exploiting Black players. Tell Coca-Cola to pull funding.**



**Tell Coca-Cola to stop supporting the NCAA until they pay the players.**

**TAKE ACTION**

**Today is "Selection Sunday" - the kick off for March Madness and that time of year when we all gather to see bracket busters, buzzer beaters and more memorable moments. This is also a time when the NCAA will heavily feature, promote, and make money off a number of student-athletes—an overwhelming number of them Black, and kids from low-income families. Athletes that according to the NCAA, should be treated as prison labor.<sup>1</sup>**

That's right, just last month, the NCAA- in an effort to maximize their own profits and limit the ability of athletes to profit from their own images- filed a motion with the court arguing that the 13th amendment should be applied to college students playing sports. **The 13th amendment forbids slavery and involuntary servitude, "except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted," a loophole which has since been exploited to sustain our criminal justice system by targeting Black communities today<sup>2</sup>.** The NCAA is pushing this insulting argument to keep what amounts to billions of dollars of advertising from sponsors like Coca-Cola<sup>3</sup>. Students across the nation are demanding the NCAA to treat them fairly but it is clear that money takes precedent over students. **It is time to**

**tell Coca-Cola to withdraw funding from the NCAA until they agree to pay student-athletes.**

**Corporations are supporting the NCAA as they fight to exploit student athletes by comparing them to prisoners.**

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**The NCAA is trafficking in a tradition of racist laws criminalizing Black people preventing better treatment and wages in America<sup>4</sup>. Black codes after the Civil War forced Black people to work as sharecroppers and restricted movement, and the modern criminal justice system targeting Black communities<sup>5</sup>. Funding from corporations like Coca-Cola provides the rationale and resources for their exploitation. The NCAA exploits student-athletes and reinforces the system of exploitation Black people must face throughout the nation. **Only through the active support of companies like Coca-Cola can the NCAA continue to push arguments that support our current system of incarceration and continued exploitation of students.****

The comparison between prisoners and athletes shines a light on the way the policy against player pay is rooted in our larger system of exploitation. **Coca-Cola should not be allowed to continue to profit from this exploitation of Black athletes.** They are building on precedents currently targeting Black communities throughout the nation.

**The NCAA is comparing players to prisoners in court. Tell Coca-Cola to stop their continued support for the NCAA.**

**While supporting the NCAA with funding as a corporate sponsor Coca-Cola has also positioned themselves as a corporation concerned with their social responsibility touting their “perfect score= 2 in the corporate equality index<sup>6</sup>. Coca-Cola has even spoken directly to the issue of unpaid/slave labor since accusations of the practice have been made overseas<sup>7</sup>. **Coca-Cola has promised to reform any practices forced labor practices associated with their company touting their “human rights due diligence tools”<sup>8</sup>. Why would this not include the student-athletes exploited by their partners at the NCAA? We will not let Coca-Cola have it both ways. We are joining together to tell Coca-Cola, to end their support for the NCAA unless they agree to pay players. **We must tell Coca-Cola that support for the NCAA is not acceptable, while they make dollars off of the back of Black athletes.** With our collective voices, we can send a message to the Coca-Cola that we are watching and will not accept support for exploitation.****

**Sign the petition now and make sure your voice is heard.**

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**From:** The Advancement Project, Dream Defenders, and Power U Center for Social Change via OrganizeFor

**Subject:** A bill to arm teachers could cost Black and Brown students their lives

*The Advancement Project, Dream Defenders, and Power U Center for Social Change, just started a petition to demand that Florida Governor Rick Scott veto Senate Bill 7026, which would allow teachers and school staff to carry guns.*

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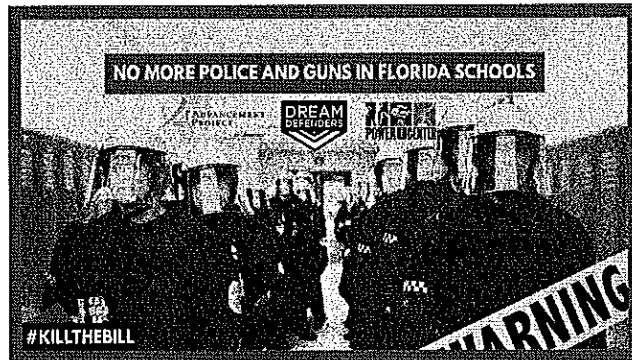
**The Florida Legislature approved a bill this week that would allow teachers and school staff to carry guns.** This bill would also allocate \$400 million toward increased police presence and surveillance in schools.

**Tell Governor Rick Scott if he does not veto SB 7026, it will cost Black and Brown students in Florida their lives.**

The bill was approved by the Florida Legislature this week, with both the House and Senate passing the legislation. However, **we are still able to stop this bill from passing--the last stop is with Governor Rick Scott who has the power to veto the bill.** If we act fast and work together, we have the power to make Gov. Rick Scott veto this dangerous bill.

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**Join me in demanding that Governor Rick Scott veto the bill to fund the militarization of Florida schools.**



**Kill the bill!**

**TAKE ACTION**



This bill is in direct response to the Parkland shooting three weeks ago where 17 students and school staff were murdered at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. This shook Florida to its core. Students, teachers, and families, have been rising up and organizing to make sure that a senseless shooting like this doesn't happen again. However, **our elected officials have been completely tone deaf to our calls for safety and instead are wanting to increase the presence of guns and police in schools--we know all too well that this is not what safety looks like for our community.**

**We must stop this dangerous bill, we need your signature NOW to demand that Gov. Rick Scott veto this bill, we only have a few days left.**

School is already a hard place for so many Black and Brown children with police, security guards, and metal detectors not only funneling our children through the school to prison pipeline but having schools increasingly resemble prisons. If this bill passes, the school to prison pipeline will be even further expedited and will likely cost many Black and Brown children their lives. What would school look like for our kids with armed teachers, coaches, librarians and counselors? In addition to even more funds dedicated to police and high level surveillance security in schools.

**This piece of legislation is Florida's attempt at a "solution" to make schools safer, but the outcome will be devastating for students of color.**

**Please show your support for Florida's students and add your name to the petition--let's kill this bill together!**  
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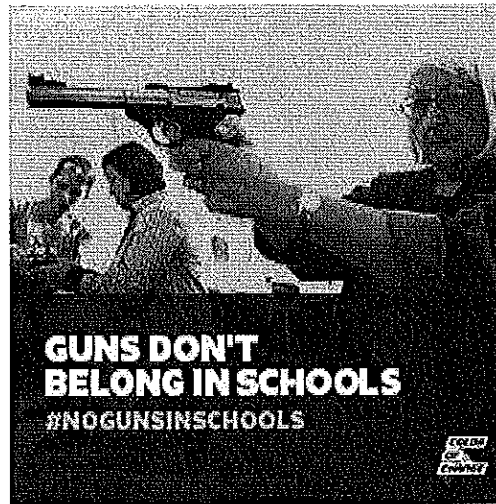
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**From:** Scott, Rashad, Arisha, Clarise, Kristen, Anay, Marena, and the rest of the Color Of Change team  
**Subject:** What happens to Black students when white teachers have guns?

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**Black kids will be the victims of armed teachers.**



**We can't allow the gun industry to drive up profits by arming teachers. Keep our schools gun free!**

Take Action!

**Teachers with guns.**

**No, that's not a horror film title--it's Trump's and the NRA's deadly answer to school shootings, and we can't let it happen.** More guns in our schools won't make them safer--especially for Black children who are already criminalized and violated inside and outside of schools. At a young age, Black students are heavily policed by the presence of police officers, metal detectors in school buildings, and a system of punitive discipline that funnels them through the school-prison pipeline.

**Imagine what could happen when the same teacher that disproportionately punishes Black children for their "behavior" is armed with a gun. That reality is too much to bear--schools must be gun free.**

This ridiculous and dangerous response to arm teachers and increase police presence in schools is sadly not new. After the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting in Newtown, resulting in the death of twenty children and six adults, the NRA introduced a new strategy to exploit school shootings to benefit the gun industry by driving up gun sales. According to National Center for Education Statistics, Trump's plan would require arming up to 700,000 more people in schools with guns.<sup>1</sup> **This terrible idea**

**has nothing to do with safety, it's all about making money--and exploiting the families who've lost their loved ones in tragedy.**

**Bills are already popping up in state legislatures to approve measures that would arm teachers--including a bill in Florida that Gov. Rick Scott just signed into law.** That's why we must all stand together and show these lawmakers, and Trump, that we will not allow gun companies to get rich while putting our children in danger.

**Sign the petition: Guns don't belong in schools. Keep our schools gun free.**

Black students already face violent discipline in schools--with Black students as young as four years old being more likely to be hit by their teachers than white students.<sup>2</sup> This violence against Black children in school is normalized, we saw this in 2015 when a video went viral of a white police officer in South Carolina body slamming a 15-year old Black girl who was sitting at her desk, and dragging her across the classroom floor. Despite this violent video, captured on three cell phones, showing that the officer was clearly in the wrong the Justice Department deemed that there was not enough evidence to charge the officer with any criminal civil rights violations.<sup>3</sup> We would see this type of violence happen time and time again if teachers were armed.

Teachers are some of the most hardworking people and carry a huge responsibility every day to educate our youth, often with limited funding, support, and resources. Instead of arming teachers with guns they should be armed with more resources and funding. Many teachers have already spoken out against this plan to arm them, saying that their "desires are not being reflected in the tone-deaf suggestions being made by lawmakers as a solution to America's gun problem..asking us to now carry the burden of having the responsibility to kill is irreparably damaging, even if we never have to discharge our weapon."<sup>4</sup> **Just two weeks ago at a high school in Dalton, Georgia a social studies teacher fired shots in the classroom.** Fortunately, no students were injured but this just reinforces the lack of safety that happens when teachers are armed.<sup>5</sup>

**We must keep guns out of schools to protect our kids.**

Trump and the NRA are gearing up to turn a quick profit from preventable tragedy. This new plan is in direct response to the Parkland shooting--but is opposed by the shooting survivors, community members and parents as it would allow teachers who are trained by law enforcement to carry a gun in the classroom.<sup>6</sup>

Being trained by law enforcement, who shoot first, ask questions later, and are

notorious for excessive use of force means that teachers will have the same dangerous mentality and practices as the police. **Guns are not safe, no matter who has them- teachers, police officers, or school security guards, and the last place guns should ever be are in schools.**

The NRA and Trump are working to make the Parkland shooting result in an increase in gun sales, but we have time to make sure that none of these dangerous and potentially fatal bills pass. **Sign the petition today--keep our schools gun free.**

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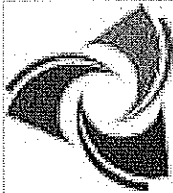
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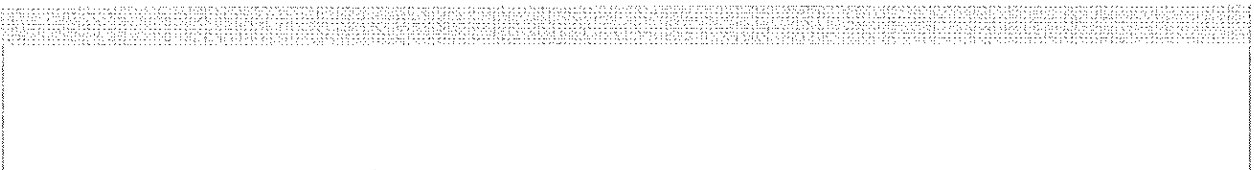
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**Please join the Commission for our 2018 Minority Health Month Kick off and Health Expo! The event will be held on March 29, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. To view Kick Off details and to view our statewide calendar of events, please visit [www.mih.ohio.gov](http://www.mih.ohio.gov), within the Minority Health Month Tab.**

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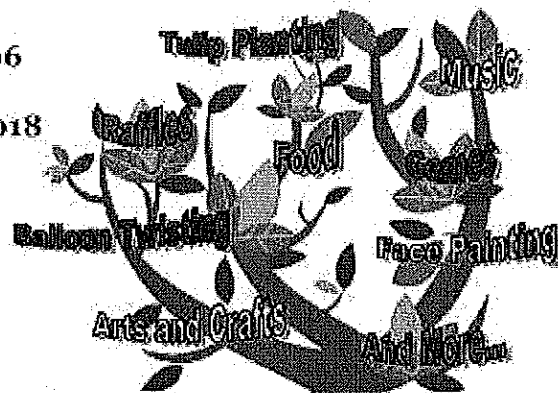
Where: **Driving Park Recreation Center**

1100 Rhoads Avenue

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When: **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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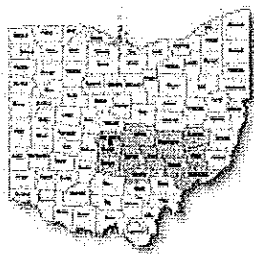
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## Baby 1st Network Announces New Partnership

Baby 1st Network has established an official partnership with the Global Infant Safe Sleep (GISS) Center, to expand both organizations' efforts to reverse the growing rate of infant mortality, empower communities and broaden bereavement resources and services for Ohio.

families who have lost a child to sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

With three times more infants dying in Ohio's African American communities compared to white, the two organizations together are positioned to address the disparities by educating the community about infant mortality, SIDS and infant safe sleep.

The partnership will combine the Network's 40 years of SIDS education and bereavement services with GISS Center's grassroots safe sleep education activities in African American communities across the country. Stacy Scott, PhD formed the GISS Center one year ago. Since then, the Center has sponsored numerous events and partnered with national organizations to provide safe sleep training and cribs to families in need.

## **Our Year in Review**

Baby 1st Network just completed the first full year with our new name. It has been an exciting and fulfilling year as we continue to be on the Infant Safe Sleep and SIDS Risk Reduction forefront so that more babies will live to see their first birthdays.

During our last fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, we held three Community Health Forums tailored to the faith based community, fathers, brothers and uncles in Akron and Columbus. In total, we reached over 600 people with the safe sleep message at Akron's Mount Calvary Baptist Church and in Columbus at the Kappa Alpha Psi Father's Day event and Brothers United safe sleep training at the Kappa Fatherhood expo. Four additional SIDS/infant safe sleep training workshops were held across the state reaching 158 people at Columbus Integrated Health, the Intercity Food Bank in Cleveland, a SIDS Sunday grandparent event in Columbus and the Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative.

## **Read More**

## **Safe Sleep Mini-Grants Engage Ohio Community Groups**

The goal of our *Infant Safe Sleep Mini-Grant Program* is to reach into communities across Ohio in an effort to reduce sleep related infant deaths and increase educational initiatives in communities where the racial disparities are the greatest. The program provides funding up to \$500 to neighborhood and community groups.

This past calendar year we funded 22 state projects. Through 43 activities including community baby showers/health fairs, faith-based and fatherhood workshops, childcare provider trainings and interactive display boards, 1,215 parents-to-be, babysitters and grandparents were educated on SIDS risk reduction and the vital ABC's of safe sleep (Alone, on baby's Back, in a Crib). The goal of each project is to reach at least 20 people, so we were extremely pleased to surpass our goal.

Since the mini-grant program began in 2015, we have funded 63 organizations that hosted 145 events, reaching 3,353 people across the state with the ABC's of infant safe sleep!

## **Board Notes**

Baby 1st Network would like to honor former member Bob Kirch, who retired after 38 years of service on our Board of Directors. We thank him for sharing his wisdom, dedication, passion and time in memory of his son, Michael. He also offered his expertise in accounting and served as our Treasurer for many years.

Bob began his service in Cincinnati as a regional bereavement support contact for other families who experienced the sudden loss of their baby and has continued in that role since his 2016 retirement. Bob's generosity is an inspiration to us all and we wish him well!

We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to several other board members who have recently left our board, including SIDS parents Emily Shirey and Amy Kuzdowicz, as well as Joseph Wells.

Board president Tracy Tucker and members Kathleen Meyers and Shelden Wrice recently welcomed Mike Furlong, Karla Coleman, Sherry Percival, Dr. Augustus Parker and Beth McNeill to the Baby 1<sup>st</sup> Network Board of Directors.

## **Our Heartfelt Appreciation**

Our programs and services were made possible this past fiscal year through the longstanding, continuous support from 10 families who have held annual fundraising events in memory of their babies. We are grateful that their dedication and support helped to raise nearly \$81,000 in the fight against SIDS and sleep related infant death.

*A Night to Remember Reverse Raffle and Auction in memory of Alexander Kuzdowicz, Collin Tobel and Jack Vittardi, Nolan P. Fisher Golf Outing, Corbin Hastings Memorial Day Ride/Run, Laura Elizabeth Pease Memorial Golf Outing, Brianna Dawn Tully Memorial Golf Outing, SIDS Golf Benefit in Memory of Jonathan Ross Petricini, Annual Justin Prestage Golf Outing and Auction and the Annual Grant's SIDS 5k Run/Walk.*

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## **Ohio Health Policy News 03/16/2018**

County Health Rankings spotlight link between health and wealth in Ohio

The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released the latest edition of the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps this week (Source: **"Wealth means health in Ohio rankings,"** Columbus Dispatch via Canton Repository, March 15, 2018).

Once again the counties rated the healthiest in Ohio were also among the state's most affluent. Delaware County was the healthiest county in Ohio in 2017, a title it has held for eight of the nine years that the rankings have been issued.

Four of the five healthiest counties are affluent suburban areas. The bottom five, with Adams ranked the lowest at No. 88, are among Ohio's most impoverished Appalachian counties. In a statement accompanying the release of the national report Wednesday, RWJF's president acknowledged the clear link between poverty, other social factors and poor health outcomes.

"We can't be a healthy, thriving nation if we continue to leave entire communities and populations behind," said Dr. Richard Besser, the foundation's president and CEO.

This year's report also shows that gaps in health persist not only based on geography, but also by race and ethnicity. HPIO recently launched a new **resource page on health equity**. The web page is the first in a series of health equity products that HPIO, through support from County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, will be releasing throughout 2018 to bridge the gap in knowledge and understanding of the issue.

#### Study: Lead exposure accounts for 10 times more deaths than reported

A study published this week found that lead exposure may be responsible for up to 10 times more deaths in the U.S. than previously thought (Source: "**Study: Lead Exposure Linked to 10 Times More Deaths Than Reported**," U.S. News and World Report, March 13, 2018).

The study, published in the journal **The Lancet Public Health**, concluded about 400,000 deaths per year can be attributed to lead, a much higher number than previously reported.

Included in these deaths is 256,000 annual deaths from cardiovascular disease. The researchers found that individuals with a blood lead concentration at the 90th percentile had a 70 percent increase in cardiovascular disease mortality compared to those with a blood lead concentration at the 10th percentile (1.0 microgram per deciliter), which suggests lead exposure could be an overlooked contributing factor to this cause of death.

The researchers wrote even "low-level lead exposure is an important, largely overlooked, risk factor for deaths in the USA, particularly for cardiovascular disease deaths." They also concluded the estimated number of deaths attributable to lead were comparable to the number of deaths from tobacco smoke exposure.

#### FDA proposes cutting nicotine in cigarettes

Cigarettes would contain less addictive nicotine — making them less attractive to smokers — under an "unprecedented" plan proposed by the federal Food and Drug Administration (Source: "**FDA Moves To Cut Nicotine In Cigarettes, Helping Smokers Kick Habit**," Kaiser Health News, March 15, 2018).

#### The FDA announced the plan Thursday.

Stripping cigarettes of all or most of their addictive power could lead 5 million adults to quit smoking within a year of the plan going into place and another 8 million to



quit within five years, according to an analysis published Thursday in The New England Journal of Medicine.

By 2100, the plan would prevent 33 million people who are now children or young adults from ever taking up tobacco, saving 8 million lives.

The FDA is accepting public comments on the proposal. The FDA is considering a number of key questions about implementing the proposal. Those include: What potential maximum nicotine level would be appropriate? Should a new standard be implemented all at once or gradually? Would limits on nicotine foster the growth of a black market in high-nicotine cigarettes? Would smokers compensate for the loss of nicotine by smoking more cigarettes?

Given that the tobacco industry is likely to fight these proposals, it could be eight to 10 years before reduced-nicotine cigarettes become a reality, said Erika Sward, assistant vice president of national advocacy for the American Lung Association. The speed with which the FDA acts depends heavily on "the political will of the administration," Sward said.

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### **Office of Minority Health March Newsletter**

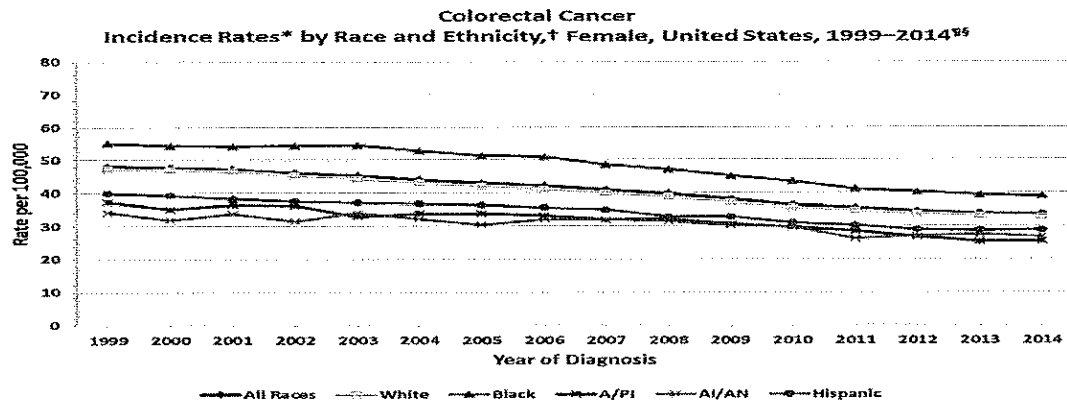
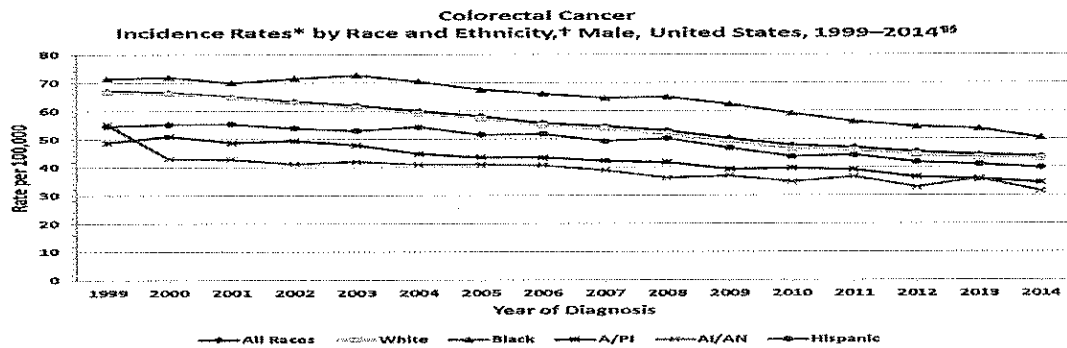
Welcome to the Office of Minority Health (OMH) monthly newsletter. This newsletter will provide updates on OMH events and information pertaining to minority health in Summit County.

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*March is...* **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month!**



*How does colorectal cancer relate to minority health?* The charts below show a higher incident rate of colorectal cancer among African Americans compared to the general population in both males and females.



Sources: CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries and National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results program.

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**Featured Article: *Why are African-Americans at Greater Risk for Colorectal Cancer?***

"Although colorectal cancer is the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer in the U.S., it's also one of the most preventable types of cancers. However, colon cancer doesn't affect all people equally. In fact, the incidence and prognosis for CRC in African-Americans is..."

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# April is **Minority Health Month**



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National Minority Health Month aims at bringing awareness to health disparities that affect racial and ethnic minorities, as well as how legislation, policies, and programs can work towards health equity. This year's theme is *Partnering for Health Equity*.

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## OMH Featured Event:



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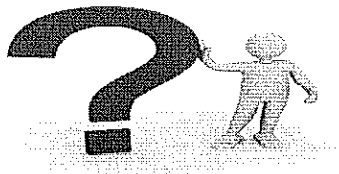
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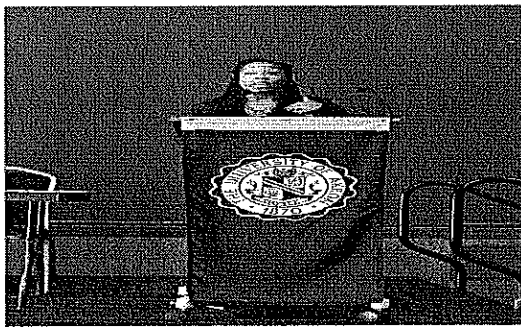
The American Cancer Society recommends getting a colonoscopy every 10 years starting at age 50 for those who are at average risk of developing colorectal cancer.

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**OMH Updates:**



The Summit County Office of Minority Health Advisory Council recently presented a check to Summa Health for the Dr. Russel L. Platt Clerkship. The donation included proceeds from a fall 2017 event benefiting the clerkship, which aims to improve recruitment of minority medical students. Pictured above (left to right) are Robert DeJournett (Community Relations), Tameka Austin (Summit County Public Health), Latonya Lewis (Akron Children's Hospital), Dr. Cindy Kelly (Medical Education), Dr. Yoleetah Ilodi (Internal Medicine), Fred Gissendaner (Kappa Alpha Psi Inc), Iriel Hopkins (Office of Minority Health SCPH) and Elizabeth Kalfas (Summa Foundation).



OMH presented at the University of Akron's Rethinking Race event on a panel titled Race, Ethnicity, and Health: Disparities and why they matter. Iriel Hopkins, MSW, LSW (pictured above left) explained the concept of health inequity and the various factors that determine health. Ambereen Ameer, CDC Public Health Associate (pictured above right), spoke on systematic racism and how it relates to health inequity.

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## TOP NEWS

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#### **Is The US Patent System In Trouble? Part 1**

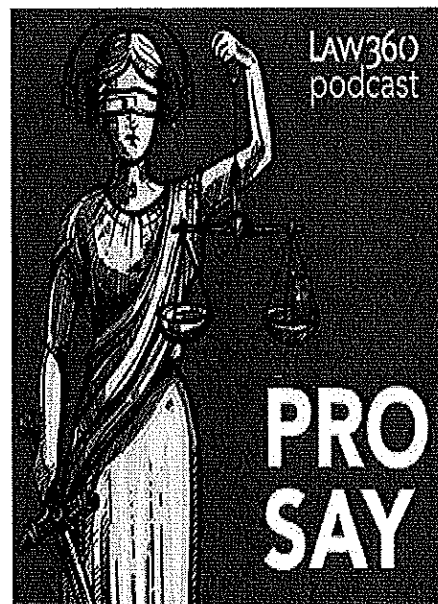
Startups say "yes," because weakening patent protection drives innovation overseas. *Editor's note: This is the first article in a two-part series. The second, focusing on defenders of the system, will appear tomorrow. Read more »*

### Feature

#### **Up Next At High Court: Messy Rulings, Class Actions**

The U.S. Supreme Court will cover a wide variety of subjects when it returns to the bench this week to close out the penultimate oral argument session of the term, revisiting its American Pipe decision on class action deadlines and debating how lower courts should read its fractured rulings. Read more »

#### **Trump Signs \$1.3T Spending Bill After Mulling Veto**



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President Donald Trump signed legislation Friday that would fund the federal government through September, avoiding a government shutdown this weekend after publicly mulling vetoing the bill. [Read more »](#)

### **Senate Confirms 5th Circ.'s Prado As Envoy To Argentina**

The Senate has approved of sending Fifth Circuit Judge Edward C. Prado to Argentina as President Donald Trump's ambassador there, ending his 35-year career as a federal judge. [Read more »](#)

### **US Allies Get Tariff Reprieve As China Prepares Retaliation**

The Trump administration's sweeping tariffs on steel and aluminum entered into force on Friday with exceptions granted to a handful of key allies but not to China, prompting Beijing to immediately prepare stiff tariffs of its own on U.S. agricultural and manufactured goods. [Read more »](#)

#### **Analysis**

### **Bayh-Dole Could Be A Drug Pricing Fix, If The Feds Want It**

As the debate over rising drug prices continues to rage, one advocacy organization is pushing the federal government to take advantage of a tool already in its belt: the Bayh-Dole Act, which allows the feds to take ownership of patents it helped fund or force companies to provide licenses for those patents. Law360 talked to experts about just how effective this path could be. [Read more »](#)

### **New FDA Policy Takes Aim At Big Compounders**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday moved to limit the operations of large drug compounders, laying out policies that could dramatically curb their ability to sell cheaper versions of FDA-approved products. [Read more »](#)

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Fenwick & West  
Gibson Dunn  
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Harris Wiltshire  
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Jackson Lewis  
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Kellogg Hansen  
Kilpatrick Townsend  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Kutak Rock  
Latham & Watkins  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights  
Linklaters  
Mayer Brown  
McDermott Will  
McDonnell Boehnen  
McKool Smith  
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Morgan Lewis  
Munger Tolles  
Murphy & McGonigle  
Native American Rights Fund  
Norton Rose Fulbright  
O'Melveny & Myers

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

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### **States' Clean Water Rule Challenge Gets Back In Gear**

A judge on Friday resumed a lawsuit in which a North Dakota-led coalition of states are challenging a controversial Obama-era rule defining the Clean Water Act's reach, now that the U.S. Supreme Court has said that district courts, not circuit courts, have jurisdiction to assess the regulation. [Read more »](#)

### **DOI Coal Lease Enviro Study Can't Be Forced, DC Circ. Told**

The U.S. Department of the Interior encountered heavy skepticism in oral arguments Friday as it told a D.C. Circuit panel that its coal leasing program doesn't need a new environmental assessment on climate change's impacts and that the agency's decision not to undertake one isn't reviewable. [Read more »](#)

### **EPA Deepens Bench On Science Advisory Committee**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has added 11 new members to the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals, who the agency said will boost "the balance of scientific perspectives" on the committee. [Read more »](#)

### **Pa. Appeals Court Axes Local Conditions On Gas Facility**

A Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court said on Friday that zoning officials in a Washington County municipality had exceeded their authority by imposing a slew of conditions on a natural gas compressor station a Marathon Petroleum Corp. unit aims to construct there. [Read more »](#)

## HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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### **Trump Says Fed. Gov't Will Sue Drugmakers Over Opioids**

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Orrick Herrington  
Patterson Belknap  
Pepper Hamilton  
Proskauer Rose  
Rimon PC  
Rosette LLP  
Sanford Heisler  
Schiff Hardin  
Sidley Austin  
Simpson Thacher  
Skadden  
Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
Stroock & Stroock  
Tabet DiVito  
Troutman Sanders  
Tucker Arensberg  
White & Case  
WilmerHale  
Womble Bond Dickinson

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AXA SA  
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Airbnb Inc.  
Allergan PLC  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Enterprise Institute  
American Express Company  
Association of Corporate Counsel  
Atlanta Hawks  
Bayer AG  
Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.  
Broadcom Ltd.  
Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.  
Cable News Network Inc.



U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday said the federal government will be suing "certain" drug companies over the opioid crisis, without naming which ones or going into further detail. [Read more »](#)

### **Nurses Back AG On Staffing Question At Mass. High Court**

The Massachusetts Nurses Association on Thursday backed state Attorney General Maura Healey's bid before the state's high court supporting a proposed ballot question on whether hospitals can reduce staffing to meet certain patient ratios, which a group of taxpayers think is too confusing for voters. [Read more »](#)

## **MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Kansas Senate Introduces Sports Betting Bill With 5% Tax**

Lawmakers in Kansas have introduced a bill to the state Senate that would legalize sports betting in person at specific locations as well as online with a 5 percent tax on revenue, according to a filing Friday. [Read more »](#)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Feature

### **Employment Roundup: 5 Things You May Have Missed**

A former Atlanta Hawks front office employee slammed the team with allegations that it treats white workers worse than black workers, a pension fund sued a now-defunct trucking company to recover \$90 million in withdrawal liabilities, and New York City lawmakers floated a bill banning employers from making workers respond to calls, texts and emails after hours. Here, Law360 looks at these and other developments that might have flown under attorneys' radar this month. [Read more »](#)

## **COMPETITION**

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Cisco Systems Inc.

Computer & Communications Industry Association

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DISH Network Corporation

Edge International Inc.

Eli Lilly and Company

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Environmental Defense Fund Inc.

Equifax Inc.

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Etsy Inc.

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Lockheed Martin

Marathon Petroleum Corp.

Microsoft Corporation

Myriad Genetics, Inc.

National Association of Counties Inc.

National Collegiate Athletic Association

National Conference of State Legislatures

Netflix Inc.

New England Compounding Pharmacy Inc.

Noble Energy, Inc.

Northeastern University

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### **Int'l Enforcers Have Been Hitting Vertical Mergers Hard**

International antitrust enforcers have taken an increasingly close look at vertical mergers, according to a report from the International Competition Network released Friday. Read more [½ B](#)

### **Dems Urge DOJ To Reject 'Sham' Sinclair-Tribune Merger**

Thirty-seven House Democrats urged the U.S. Department of Justice on Thursday to quash Sinclair Broadcast Corp.'s acquisition of Tribune Media Co., calling Sinclair's proposed divestitures a "sham" and saying the mega-merger would hurt competition and local media content. Read more [»](#)

## **CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY**

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### **FTC Official Calls For Broader Authority To Fight Robocalls**

Nixing the common carrier exemption that prevents the Federal Trade Commission from engaging legacy telephone services and other utility-style businesses would give the agency greater purview to pursue fraudulent robocallers, an FTC official said Friday. Read more [»](#)

### **State AGs Say Consumers Better Off Without Data Breach Bill**

The attorneys general of 31 states have urged House lawmakers to scrap a federal data breach notification bill meant to streamline nationwide reporting requirements for businesses, arguing that it lets companies avoid disclosing hacks unless consumers are also the victim of a crime. Read more [»](#)

### **Saudi Arabia, Booz Allen Pen Deal To Boost Cyber Workforce**

Saudi Arabia's top cybersecurity body on Thursday inked an agreement with Booz Allen Hamilton and several others to help boost the

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Oxford University Press Ltd.  
PayPal Inc.  
PhRMA  
Prometheus Laboratories Inc.  
Spotify Technology SA  
T-Mobile USA Inc.  
TBS International Limited  
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The Internet Association  
The Valspar Corporation  
Tribune Media Co.  
Turner Broadcasting System Inc.  
Twitter Inc.  
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United Parcel Service Inc.  
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## **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

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Bureau of Land Management  
Congressional Research Service  
Eastern Shoshone Tribe  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
European Commission  
European Union  
Executive Office of the President  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Communications Commission  
Federal Judicial Center

development of the skills needed to expand the country's cybersecurity workforce. Read more »

## TAX

### Analysis

#### **State Opioid Taxes Seen As Well-Intentioned But Misguided**

Facing a mounting death toll, soaring costs and growing public anger over the opioid crisis, an increasing number of states are considering new laws that would tax the powerful painkillers, despite concerns that some states may be using the crisis to raise general revenue. Read more »

#### **Use TCJA's New Rules To Fight Profit Shifts, States Urged**

A leading state tax expert said Friday that states should conform to international tax provisions in the federal tax overhaul, arguing that conformity is needed to combat income shifting. Read more »

## IMMIGRATION

#### **Sessions Refers Latest BIA Case To Himself For Review**

Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Thursday referred another Board of Immigration Appeals decision to himself so he can review issues relating to when there is "good cause" to grant continuances, marking at least the fourth time this year he's invoked his review privilege into board matters. Read more »

#### **Dems Urge DHS To Investigate ICE Operation In Calif.**

Senate Democrats penned a letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's inspector general on Thursday asking the agency to investigate a former Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesperson's allegations that the agency made false statements about an

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Food and Drug Administration  
Internal Revenue Service  
International Trade Commission  
National Institutes of Health  
National Labor Relations Board  
Navajo Nation  
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U.S. Army  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
U.S. Senate  
U.S. Supreme Court  
World Trade Organization

enforcement operation in Northern California.  
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### **Immigrant Org Fights Nix Of Protected Status For Salvadorans**

A Maryland federal court should enter an order barring the Trump administration from carrying through with its plans to terminate a temporary protected status program for approximately 200,000 Salvadorans in September 2019, an immigrants' advocacy group asserted Friday.  
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## **NATIVE AMERICAN**

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### **Senate Pushes Through Host Of Native American Affairs Bills**

The U.S. Senate moved several Native American-related bills through the chamber by unanimous consent on Thursday, advancing a string of measures that aim to improve economic growth and expand the AMBER Alert system on reservations. [Read more »](#)

### **Profs Back Tribes' Cert Bid In Fight Over Diminished Land**

A group of law professors urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday to grant two tribes' petitions seeking to overturn a Tenth Circuit decision that shrank the size of their shared Wyoming reservation, saying that to diminish a reservation Congress must show a clear intent to exercise its "extraordinarily undemocratic power" over tribes. [Read more »](#)

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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Feature

### **Up First In AT&T-Time Warner Trial: The Negotiators**

The U.S. Department of Justice is likely to come out swinging Monday on its first full day of witness testimony in the AT&T-Time Warner merger trial, putting on the stand an executive from Sling TV, a chief competitive threat to

AT&T's DirecTV, as well as the head of Time Warner's Turner. [Read more »](#)

### **Tech Groups Ask To Join Net Neutrality Repeal Case**

Two technology advocacy organizations that represent some of the biggest edge providers in the industry have asked to join the official, consolidated lawsuit challenging the Trump Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality rule repeal. [Read more »](#)

## **EXPERT ANALYSIS**

### **2 Things Missing From Debates On US-China Fights**

Hardly a moment passes without another shot fired in the many high-profile fights between the U.S. and China over trade, intellectual property and antitrust. In this area, there is a problem and solution too often overlooked by commentators and business leaders, says Scott Kieff, a principal at McKool Smith PC and former commissioner at the U.S. International Trade Commission. [Read more »](#)

### **Top Tax Changes For Law Firms: What Lawyers Need To Know**

For those structured as corporations, the decrease in the maximum corporate tax rate and the repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax offer good news. But since many law firms are organized as pass-through entities, several limitations on deductions mean they won't see as much benefit from the new tax law as some other industries, says Evan Morgan of CPA and advisory firm Kaufman Rossin PA. [Read more »](#)

### **High Court Criminal Tax Ruling Is Part Of A Trend**

The U.S. Supreme Court's tax decision last week in *Marinello* follows three prior rulings that have narrowed the reach of obstruction of justice statutes in white collar criminal investigations — *Aguilar* in 1995, *Andersen* in

2005 and Yates in 2015, say Nicholas Hartmann and Harry Sandick of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP. [Read more »](#)

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### **How Law Firms Are Adapting To #MeToo Era**

Some firms have added initiatives in response to the #MeToo movement, but experts say the vast majority have a long way to go. Here's a glimpse of the steps some are taking. Editor's note: First in a three-part series. [Read more »](#)

### **Chadbourne Gets Nod For \$3.1M Deal Ending Sex Bias Suit**

A Manhattan federal judge has signed off on a \$3.1 million deal to end a proposed class action brought by three female lawyers alleging that Chadbourne & Parke LLP, which merged with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP last year, systematically underpaid women. [Read more »](#)

### **Bar Prep Co. Blasts Rival's Appeal In Antitrust Row**

Barbri Inc. joined a chorus of law schools in urging the Second Circuit not to revive a rival's antitrust and racketeering claims, which allege that Barbri and the schools conspired to stifle competition for bar exam preparation, arguing Thursday LLM Bar Exam LLC hadn't plausibly alleged a monopoly existed. [Read more »](#)

### **GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week**

President Donald Trump said he will likely nominate the solo practitioner who took on UPS in a pregnancy discrimination case that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court as general counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and female general counsels shared with Law360 how they're transforming their legal departments and other women's professional lives. These are some of

the stories in corporate legal news you may have missed in the past week. [Read more »](#)

**Podcast**

**Law360's Pro Say: Inside The Downfall Of Latham's Chairman**

On the latest episode of Law360's Pro Say podcast, we share the inside story of Latham & Watkins Chair Bill Voge's resignation after revelations that he'd engaged in a pattern of reckless behavior. We also discuss a controversial copyright ruling over the song "Blurred Lines," the legal blowback Facebook will face over the Cambridge Analytica scandal, and Lindsay Lohan's new gig for a lawyer referral site. [Read more »](#)

**In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360**

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week. [Read more »](#)

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## TOP NEWS

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#### **Is The US Patent System In Trouble? Part 2**

"No," say its defenders, because raising the bar for patent holders has curbed abusive litigation. *Editor's note: This is the second in a series. The first installment, focusing on critics of the system, appeared in Monday's newsletters.* [Read more »](#)

### Analysis

#### **What To Expect After The High Court Rules On Sports Betting**

In one of the most anticipated decisions of the current U.S. Supreme Court term, the *Murphy v. NCAA* case will ultimately decide the fate of sports gambling in the country and has the potential to create big changes for governments, regulators and gaming advocates alike. [Read more »](#)

### Analysis

#### **Road To DOJ Declinations Paved With Good Intentions**



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Seasoned observers welcome the U.S. Department of Justice's newest experiment in getting corporations to self-report their crimes, but say the nascent policy has a long way to go before companies or the public can rely on it for results. [Read more »](#)

### **High Court Criminal Case Could Make Waves In Water Law**

Environmental attorneys will be paying close attention Tuesday to a U.S. Supreme Court case that has nothing to do with environmental law as the justices hear oral arguments on how fragmented 4-1-4 decisions should be interpreted by lower courts, an issue that looms large in an ongoing battle over the Clean Water Act's reach. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

### **Facebook Row May Expand Access To IRS Appeals Process**

An argument brewing in a California federal court over whether taxpayers are guaranteed access to an appeals process during disputes with the Internal Revenue Service has the potential to expand taxpayer options for reaching settlements without the costs associated with litigation. [Read more »](#)

## **BANKING & SECURITIES**

### **SEC Launches Deliberations On NYSE Plan For Bitcoin ETFs**

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday said it would launch proceedings to determine whether it should approve a New York Stock Exchange proposal to list and trade two bitcoin-related exchange-traded funds, possibly delaying a decision for months. [Read more »](#)

### **Pay Execs In Debt To Fix Bank Culture, NY Fed CEO Says**

Federal Reserve Bank of New York head Bill Dudley on Monday said "unfinished business" remains in the financial sector despite large

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Bryan Cave  
Caplin & Drysdale  
Carlton Fields  
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Dorsey & Whitney  
Duane Morris  
Durie Tangri  
Earthjustice  
Eversheds Sutherland  
Fishkin Slatter  
Gerard Fox Law PC  
Gibson Dunn  
Greenberg Traurig  
Gupta Wessler  
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Holland & Knight  
Hunton & Williams  
Jackson Lewis  
Jenner & Block  
Joseph & Kirschenbaum  
Kean Miller  
Kilpatrick Townsend  
Kirkland & Ellis  
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Latham & Watkins  
Locke Lord  
McDonald Carano  
Milbank Tweed  
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regulatory strides since the 2008 financial crisis, and he suggested fining executives and paying them in debt among ways to continue to improve bank culture and incentives. Read more »

### **DOL, Trade Group Lay Down Swords In Fiduciary Rule Suit**

The National Association for Fixed Annuities and U.S. Department of Labor said Friday they have dropped their D.C. Circuit dispute over the agency's fiduciary rule for retirement advisers, a little more than a week after the Fifth Circuit vacated the rule. Read more »

## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **BLM Flubbed Review Of Coal Development Plans, Judge Says**

A Montana federal judge on Friday said the U.S. Bureau of Land Management botched its environmental review of land-use plans crafted for coal development within the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming, including its analysis of the plans' climate change impacts. Read more »

### **DC Circ. Seeks Prior Rule Delay Info In Chemical Rule Row**

The D.C. Circuit on Friday told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to compile a list of pre-Trump administration examples of when the effective dates of finalized regulations have been postponed, amid litigation challenging the agency's efforts to roll back an Obama-era chemical risk management rule. Read more »

### **Sunoco Pipeline Not Under Local Zoning Law, Pa. Panel Says**

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Monday issued the second in a set of rulings that a controversial pipeline project being developed by a Sunoco Inc. unit was subject only to state

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Aetna Inc.  
Amazon.com Inc.  
American Bar Association  
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations  
American Gaming Association  
American Intellectual Property Law Association  
Apple Inc.  
Associated Press  
Association of Corporate Counsel  
BDO USA LLP  
Barclays PLC  
Baretz+Brunelle

regulation and could not be subjected to local zoning rules. [Read more »](#)

### **Enviros Fight EPA Air Pollution Policy Reversal At DC Circ.**

Environmental groups on Monday urged the D.C. Circuit to block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent rescission of a 1995 policy that said any facility considered to be a "major" polluter under the Clean Air Act could never be recategorized as a less prolific polluter. [Read more »](#)

### **Trump Taps Ford Exec For EPA's International, Tribal Office**

President Donald Trump announced Friday that he plans to nominate W. "Chad" Charles McIntosh, who most recently worked at Ford Motor Co., to help run the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International and Tribal Affairs. [Read more »](#)

## **HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES**

### **Fla. Gov. OKs Backup Generator Rules For Nursing Homes**

Florida's governor signed off Monday on permanent rules requiring all nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have emergency backup power, achieving a priority set after 13 elderly residents died when temperatures soared after Hurricane Irma knocked out the power in their Broward County nursing facility in September. [Read more »](#)

## **IP & TECHNOLOGY**

### **Sens. Propose USPTO Fee Power Renewal, Tech Upgrades**

Two U.S. senators have introduced a bill that would extend the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's authority to set its own fees — which is currently set to expire in September — in exchange for pressing it to modernize its information technology systems. [Read more »](#)

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Computer & Communications Industry Association  
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Environmental Defense Fund Inc.  
Facebook  
Ford Motor Company  
Garmin Ltd.  
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.  
Google Inc.  
HP Inc.  
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.  
Huawei Technologies  
IAC/InterActiveCorp  
Intel Corporation  
Intellectual Ventures  
Kaspersky Lab Ltd.  
Kohls Corporation  
LM Ericsson Telephone Company  
Lambda Legal Defense & Educational Fund  
LeadingAge  
LinkedIn Corp.  
Major League Baseball Inc.  
Microsoft Corporation  
NFL Enterprises LLC  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
National Hockey League  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Newegg Inc.  
Noble Corporation  
Oil States International Inc.

## **White House Hits Back At Report VA Chief Faces Ax**

A White House spokesman said Monday that Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin continues to have President Donald Trump's support, at least for now, following a report that the president was looking to oust him after a recent travel scandal and internal turmoil at the agency. [Read more »](#)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **NLRB Union Presses Agency To Scrap Cost-Cutting Moves**

Just days after Congress held the National Labor Relations Board's budget steady at \$274 million, the union that represents workers at the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters asked agency leadership to withdraw a series of recent cost-saving measures since the expected funding shortfall they were based on never came to pass, according to a letter obtained by Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

### **NJ Assembly OKs Sick Leave Bill Amid Small Biz Concerns**

The New Jersey Assembly on Monday passed legislation that would require employers to provide earned sick leave to their workers in the state, a proposed measure lauded by supporters as helping workers and blasted by critics as hurting small businesses. [Read more »](#)

### **Female Atty Wage Gap Cited As NJ Passes Equal Pay Bill**

The New Jersey Legislature overwhelmingly passed a "historic" bill Monday aimed at closing the wage gap between men and women in the state, with some lawmakers highlighting how female attorneys are paid less than their male counterparts. [Read more »](#)

## **COMPETITION**

Oracle Corp.  
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SAS Institute  
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United Steelworkers  
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Tribes  
Confederated Tribes of the  
Umatilla Indian Reservation  
European Union  
Executive Office of the President  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Communications  
Commission  
Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
Federal Reserve System

### **Schumer Counsel, Ex-Sidley Austin Atty Picked For FTC Post**

President Donald Trump announced another nomination for the Federal Trade Commission Monday: the current chief counsel to Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who previously worked at Sidley Austin LLP. [Read more »](#)

### **OECD Says Australia Lags In Levying Competition Fines**

Australia levies comparatively small penalties on companies that run afoul of its competition laws, according to an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report released Monday that found many countries impose stiffer punishments than the island nation. [Read more »](#)

## **CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY**

### **Pai Wants To Narrow Use Of \$8.5B Fund Amid Spying Fears**

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai proposed a rule Monday that would bar the use of an \$8.5 billion agency fund to buy products or services from companies that pose a threat to U.S. security, a move that comes over fears of Chinese espionage conducted through that country's tech companies. [Read more »](#)

### **FTC's Acting GC Leaves To Head Redgrave's Privacy Group**

The Federal Trade Commission's acting general counsel is retiring from government to lead the data and privacy practice at Redgrave LLP, the firm said Monday. [Read more »](#)

## **AEROSPACE & DEFENSE**

### **Transgender Troops Want DOD's New Partial Ban Blocked**

Current and prospective transgender military service members said they will ask a Washington federal court on Tuesday to permanently block President Donald Trump's

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Internal Revenue Service  
Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality  
NAFTA  
National Labor Relations Board  
National Security Agency  
New Jersey Legislature  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
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Office of Surface Mining  
Reclamation and Enforcement  
Quinault Indian Nation  
Securities and Exchange  
Commission  
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U.S. Attorney's Office  
U.S. Department of Defense  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Department of Labor  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency  
U.S. Office of Government Ethics  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
U.S. Senate  
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new policy that would allow only some transgender troops to openly serve, after previously winning an injunction against a broader earlier policy, arguing the new policy is still unconstitutional. [Read more »](#)

## TAX

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### **Pass-Through Guidance Out By Summer At Earliest, IRS Says**

The Internal Revenue Service will likely issue further guidance on the rule that affects how pass-through entities are taxed under the new federal tax law by late summer or early fall, the agency's top official said Monday. [Read more »](#)

### **Va. High Court Says State 'Add-Back' Statute Unambiguous**

The Virginia Supreme Court has clarified its interpretation of a state "add-back" income tax statute in a revised opinion involving more than \$900 million of Kohl's Department Stores Inc.'s royalty payments apportioned to various states, saying the statute was not ambiguous after looking at the legislative intent of the law. [Read more »](#)

### **Lawmakers Propose Gutting IRS Oversight Board In Overhaul**

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee introduced a bill on Monday to eliminate the Internal Revenue Service's Oversight Board, along with overhauling and restructuring other elements of the agency. [Read more »](#)

### **Some Places Not Ready To Collect Online Tax, Report Says**

A Washington, D.C., think tank concerned with tax policy released a report Monday arguing local municipalities aren't prepared to collect taxes on online purchases after an analysis by the group found Amazon isn't collecting or is

undercollecting local taxes in seven states.  
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## IMMIGRATION

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### **Hawaii Urges Justices To Keep Trump Travel Ban On Hold**

President Donald Trump is attempting to bar millions of Muslims from entering the United States based in part on their nationality and on how much their nations' governments purportedly cooperate with the U.S., which Congress and legal precedent have made clear are insufficient grounds, the state of Hawaii told the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday.  
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## WHITE COLLAR

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### **US Atty In LA Earned More Than \$3.7M At Gibson Dunn**

President Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. attorney in California's Central District earned more than \$3.7 million since 2016 as a partner at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP working for clients ranging from Apple to Uber, according to financial disclosure forms shared with Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

## EXPERT ANALYSIS

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### **Show Me The Money: The Answer To Trump Bribery Questions**

Reports abound that "intermediaries" for President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin participated in a secret bribery scheme involving lifting U.S. sanctions against massive Russian financial institutions. Having worked as a federal prosecutor in the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations, I can report that there is one cardinal rule in these types of cases — follow the money, says Seth Waxman of Dickinson Wright PLLC. [Read more »](#)

## **Higher Ed Should Approach Marijuana Laws Cautiously**

While the lists of conditions for which medical marijuana is available in various states have expanded, and while the number of states in which marijuana use is authorized has also increased, such developments have not made it easier for college students to use marijuana on campuses, say attorneys with Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. [Read more »](#)

## **Where PTAB Reform May Be Headed**

The new director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has voiced openness to Patent Trial and Appeal Board reform, while the PTAB faces increased scrutiny from the Federal Circuit, intellectual property law associations, technology companies and Congress, as well as prospective admonishments from the U.S. Supreme Court in its forthcoming Oil States and SAS decisions, say Kevin Greenleaf and Scott Cummings of Dentons. [Read more »](#)

## **Tribes' Mobilization On Climate Change Gathers Steam**

Tribes are not waiting for leadership on climate change from the federal level. Tribes' mobilization at all levels of government offers opportunities not only to protect tribal communities and the natural resources that sustain them, but also to advance tribal sovereignty and self-determination, say attorneys with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. [Read more »](#)

### **Series**

## **Judging A Book: Hardiman Reviews 'Without Precedent'**

In his new book, "Without Precedent: Chief Justice John Marshall and His Times," professor Joel Richard Paul ably explains more than a dozen of Marshall's most significant opinions, which comes as no surprise. What is a surprise — a pleasant one — is the book's



readability, says Judge Thomas Hardiman of the Third Circuit. [Read more »](#)

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### **Why Some BigLaw Harassment Policies Miss The Mark**

Even simple preventative measures can turn complicated at law firms. Here's a look at some common steps firms are taking to stop sexual harassment along with the challenges they face. [Read more ½ B](#)

Analysis

### **Munger Tolles Arbitration Dust-Up May Spark BigLaw Changes**

Munger Tolles & Olson LLP's decision to release its associates from forced arbitration clauses after a weekend Twitter dust-up has already inspired at least one other BigLaw firm to do the same, and in the era of #MeToo, experts say more firms probably aren't far behind. [Read more »](#)

### **Quinn Emanuel Says Ex-Staffer Wasn't Target Of Racism**

A former Quinn Emanuel secretary's claims of being the target of a supervisor's racist and homophobic comments during an Apple v. Samsung patent trial should be tossed because the alleged conduct was not severe enough to create a hostile work environment, the law firm said Friday. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

### **Texas Contempt Order Should Put Associates On Notice**

When a Texas federal judge rebuked attorneys for filing a Fair Labor Standards Act suit based on an invalidated overtime expansion rule, he refused to spare associates on the case from his contempt order in what experts say is a prime example of the tough ethics decisions young lawyers face. [Read more »](#)

### **Calif. Courts Paid \$500K To Resolve Sex Harassment Claims**

The Judicial Council of California has paid \$521,000 to settle sexual harassment complaints involving judges and court employees, plus another \$80,000 for outside counsel to investigate allegations involving five judicial officers, according to data provided to Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

### **11th Circ. Judge Julie Carnes To Take Senior Status**

U.S. Circuit Judge Julie Carnes, who was nominated in 2014 to the Eleventh Circuit by former President Barack Obama, announced on Friday that she will soon take senior status, giving President Donald Trump another chance at reshaping the federal appellate court. [Read more »](#)

### **15 Minutes With Vimeo's General Counsel**

For eight years, Michael Cheah has been general counsel of Vimeo, the New York-based online video sharing and streaming site that touts an emphasis on community and creativity. He spoke to Law360 about how the changing regulatory landscape affects online media companies and why he's on the front lines of the fight over the future of net neutrality. [Read more »](#)

### **Law360's Legal Industry Editorial Advisory Board**

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Conforming state tax codes to the new federal regime should bring simplicity, but tax policy experts of all stripes are warning states to stay away from certain provisions they say foster complexity, benefit the wrong taxpayers or will lead to loss of revenue. [Read more »](#)

#### **Supreme Court Resistant To New Way To Read 4-1-4 Rulings**

The U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged Tuesday that there's no great way to read its fractured rulings that lack a clear majority opinion, but suggested that one litigant's proposal to solve the problem would result in "chaos" and throw the justices out of whack. [Read more »](#)

#### **DHS Seeks End To Kaspersky Software Ban Challenge**



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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security asked a D.C. federal judge Monday to end a lawsuit from Moscow-based Kaspersky Labs over a ban on its antivirus products, claiming U.S. authorities have indisputably valid concerns that Russian spies could commandeer the company's software. Read more »

### **FCC's April Agenda To Include Spectrum Auction Framework**

The Federal Communications Commission said this week it is expected to move forward at its April meeting with setting the framework for upcoming spectrum auctions in the 24 and 28 gigahertz bands, along with tackling issues of rural call completion and business data services regulation. Read more = 2

### **State AGs Back Fed. Suit Over California Immigration Laws**

A group of attorneys general and governors from 18 states on Monday voiced their support for a federal government lawsuit targeting statutes in California that allegedly obstruct federal immigration law enforcement, adding that the Golden State's laws are also preempted under U.S. Supreme Court precedent. Read more »

### **9th Circ. Calls For Input On Minor League Wage Exemption**

The Ninth Circuit on Monday asked minor league baseball players and Major League Baseball to weigh in on new legislation that exempts the players from federal wage-and-hour requirements amid an ongoing labor dispute. Read more »

## **MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT**

### **FCC's O'Rielly Defends Media Ownership Deregulation**

One Republican member of the Federal Communications Commission defended the agency's latest push to pull apart its current

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